



**Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Zoom Hybrid Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024
Approved: December 4, 2024**

Committee Members Present: Chair Ann DiPetta, Karl Klankowski, Mo Klein, Roxanne Marino, Elizabeth Weatherby, Tai Basilius

Committee Members Present on Zoom: Katelin Olson

Committee Members Absent: Rose Hanson, Rebecca Schneider, Alison Weaver, Diane Cohen

Quorum Present

Comp Plan Consultant Present: Angelina White

Town Staff Present: Mollie Duell, Niels Tygesen

Members of the Public Present: Carl Mazzacone

Proceedings

Chair Ann DiPetta called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Klein motioned to approve the agenda; Klankowski seconded.

Vote: Klankowski, aye; Klein, aye; Marino, aye; Olson, aye; Basilius, aye; Chair DiPetta, aye; and Weatherby, aye.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Past Minutes

Marino added clarifying details about the discussions from the October 1 meeting pertaining to the generic EIS.

Motion: Klein motioned to approve the October 1 meeting minutes as amended; Klankowski seconded.

Vote: Klankowski, aye; Klein, aye; Marino, aye; Olson, aye; Basilius, aye; Chair DiPetta, aye; and Weatherby, abstain.

Motion Carried.

Privilege of the Floor

No members of the public addressed the committee.

Old Business Items

[Results of Focus Group #1: Economic Development, Historic Presentation/Built Environment, and Housing](#)

Angelina White provided a summary of the first focus group meeting. Strengths and weaknesses for each topic were discussed with focus group attendees, and a memo summarizing the discussions was distributed prior to tonight's meeting.

[Results of Local Leadership Interviews](#)

White summarized the brief interviews that were held with Town department heads. Marino mentioned that discussions from the focus group emphasized that large-scale economic development may not be well-suited for Ulysses and suggested focusing on enhancing existing resources instead.

Callout for Focus Group #2: Environment & Natural Resources and Climate Change & Resiliency

The Committee discussed scheduling the focus group for next week and sending notice tomorrow, agreeing

the fire house had worked well for the previous group. Carl Mazzacone offered to host the group at the Inn at Taughannock.

2009 Comp Plan Audit, Economic Base Report, Planning Foundations Report

Tygesen asked committee members to finish their comments by November 15. Olson asked to have a reminder sent tomorrow. Marino requested that links be included.

New Business Items

Priorities Discussion (SWOT) for Economic Development, Historic Presentation/Built Environment, and Housing

Committee members provided suggestions for priorities in each topic. Klankowski spoke about extending the water district. Weatherby mentioned improving the variety of housing. Discussion ensued over the use of the Black Diamond Trail. Olson spoke about New York State's plans to purchase Camp Barton, the tourism economy associated with State parks, and getting visitors to spend money in businesses in Ulysses.

Callout for Focus Group #3: Capital Facilities & Utilities, Transportation, and Community Well-Being; and Callout for Focus Group #4: Rural Issues and Land Use

Weatherby noted there will be an Ag committee meeting in January. The Committee discussed strategies for including agricultural businesses that are not located within Ulysses but involved with farmers in the Town.

Next Steps

Draft Existing Conditions Report

White stated the draft is in progress and will be shared prior to the next meeting.

Priorities Discussion – Environment & Natural Resources and Climate Change & Resiliency

White explained the discussion will be like the Priorities Discussion earlier in the meeting.

Joint Visioning Session #1

The joint visioning session will be a workshop with the CPSC and Town Board. Weatherby noted the only Town Board meeting in December is on the 10th.

Weatherby mentioned that November 15 is the deadline to sign up for Winterfest. The committee discussed preparing to attend the festival.

Marino suggested distributing a community survey.

Member Reports

Klankowski spoke about the stream buffer confusion and questions currently being drafted by the Planning Board to send to the Town Board regarding the issue.

Olson spoke about the budget for the generic EIS.

Motion: Klein motioned to adjourn; Klankowski seconded.

Vote: Klankowski, aye; Klein, aye; Marino, aye; Olson, aye; Basilius, aye; Chair DiPetta, aye; and Weatherby, aye.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.



Mollie Duell

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Secretary