

Town of Corning
Master Plan Update Committee Meeting
October 12, 2011

Attendance:

Mike Donnelly
John MacMahon
Marianna Redner
Chelsea Robertson
Danielly Sally
Kenneth Uhl

Absent:

Elijah Baity
Kim Feehan
Dean Stuart
Doug Wicks

1. Approval of September Minutes – The September 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Mike Donnelly, seconded by Marianna Redner and carried.
2. Review of the 5 Focus Groups - the group walked through the five different focus groups; the one held on September 21 – General Town Residents; September 28 – Infrastructure; October 3 – Business Owners/Employees; October 5 – Major Landowners; October 11 – General Town Residents. They talked about what came out of the focus groups all the information. There was a total attendance of approximately 75. The things that were mentioned at these focus groups were as follows: water and sewer infrastructure, Hickling Station; recreation options for seniors and youth; taxes; Corning Hospital; Corning Community College housing; mining; Marcellus Shale; government transparency was a big concern of the residents; need for grocery store; code enforcement, concerns of future fire and police needs; shared service dissolution and consolidation and development of Rt. 352.

55 Surveys were received and Chelsea has not had the time to look through these surveys and gather the data. These will be looked at the December meeting.

As far as the mapping goes, we asked residents and attendees of these focus groups to look at maps and determine where growth should go and where it shouldn't go. Residents really do not want to see more growth. They want things to stay just the way they are. The other groups that weren't residents want to see development on Route 352 and 414 and to protect the other areas.

In general, at any of the focus group meetings not a lot of people spoke up as wanting development at Corning Community College.

3. Economic Development Analysis Data Purchase – Chelsea explained to the group that to complete the Economic Development Analysis Victoria will need to purchase data that will cost under \$300. We don't have the exact cost, but wanted to make

sure that this will be OK. The committee agreed that this was fine. We will also have to get data from the assessment office of the county and see how the assessments are stacked up against the rest of the state.

4. STC Progress for Next Month – Chelsea talked about how she is going to work on completing the data analysis including the survey. She will try to draft the sections of Why the Update Now?; Master Plan Update Process and Steps; and Begin the Section on “Making the Vision a Reality”. She will plan on completing these first sections in December.

There was a discussion of things that we should look at. The committee really wants Chelsea to dive into what is the biggest source of sales taxes is and where cable is available; who is exempt from taxes ; fracking – how that is going to play out; and who is exempt from zoning is also a big question.

The Committee also wants to see added to the Master Plan information on consolidation services.

5. Other – there is a problem getting a quorum. There was a quorum at this meeting, but it was very difficult. One of the problems is that Dean Stuart has never shown up and Kim Feehan only showed up at the first 2 meetings. Doug Wicks is kind of spotty too, but he comes and goes. There was a motion made by Mike Donnelly, seconded by Marianna Redner to recommend that the Town Board (Dean Stuart and Kim Feehan) step down off from the Master Plan Committee so that we can make sure to have a quorum. Chelsea said that she will talk to Kim about that. The motion carried.
6. Next meeting – Chelsea explained that she has a conflict for the November 9, 2012 meeting and asked the group if they wanted to change the date or skip November’s meeting and have a meeting in December. The Committee agreed to just go ahead and move on to the December meeting. The next meeting will be December 14, 2012 at 5:30 PM.
7. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea Robertson