

Town of Corning  
Master Plan Update Committee Meeting  
December 14, 2011

Attendance:

Elijah Baity  
Mike Donnelly  
John MacMahon  
Marianna Redner  
Chelsea Robertson  
Danielle Sally  
Kenneth Uhl

Absent:

Dean Stuart  
Doug Wicks  
Kim Feehan

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

1. Approval of September Minutes – The January 11, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Elijah Baity, seconded by Mike Donnelly and carried.

It was also asked if Kim Feehan had removed Dean Stuart from the committee, it was still unknown; Kim was going to put it on the agenda for the January meeting.

2. Writing of the Plan – Chelsea explained the progress that STC has made over the past month. STC has began and drafted many of the sections but explained that rather than moving through the sections one at a time she is finding she is working on multiple sections at once. STC has begun to draft the following sections: Town History, Town Demographics, Utilities and Infrastructure, Business Environment, Natural Resources, Water Resources, Energy and Extractive Resources. She explained that we will address Land Use and Zoning last as many of these other chapter's findings will play into the land use chapter.

Chelsea then spoke to the committee about formatting options. The committee agreed that having a vision at the beginning of each chapter is helpful. Also, the committee liked the "policy" section of the master plan.

2. Review of Chapter recommendations – Chelsea presented the committee four master plan sections that include recommendations.
  - a. The committee first looked at the Retail Analysis and Growth for Rt. 414. Overall the committee agreed with the recommendations on Rt. 414. Looking at number #1 – Noted that of the 10 single family residents and the gym. Three of these properties are rental and one is a large family homestead. They feel that the family homestead would be difficult to remove. The committee discussed that enlarging the industrial district to allow for more or different types of business uses along Rt. 414 does not make sense unless the railroad will be expanding. Otherwise it was

suggested we consider creating a new type of business district to allow for more intense business uses but not quite as intense as industrial uses.

- b. The committee did not get to renewable energy, we will look at this chapter next meeting.
  - c. Next the committee walked through the recommendations for the Mineral Extraction page. Chelsea asked the committee if there were any good examples of a reclaimed mine within the town, the committee could not point to one. The committee took note that the current zoning needs to be changed to allow for more multi-dwelling units along with adopting employee housing regulations and lifecycle planning or temporary housing. The committee feels that the current NYS proposed requirements for drilling next to water bodies will be adequate and would like to remove that recommendation from this chapter. They also would like to remove the recommendation concerning evaluating areas that have exceptional or unique character....they do not believe that the Town has one of these areas. Further, the recommendations related to the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone, needs to be removed. Currently the Aquifer Protection Overlay zone does not make sense. The committee believes that it needs to be removed OR include the entire public drinking water systems
  - d. The committee will also review the chapter on water resources next meeting.
6. Next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012 at 5:30 PM.
  7. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by John MacMahon, seconded by Danielle Sally.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chelsea Robertson