

Town of Corning Master Plan
Meeting minutes: June 8, 2011

Attendance:

Chelsea Robertson
Mike Donnelly
Elijah Baity
Kenneth Uhl
Kim Feehan
John MacMahon
Danielle Salley

No other attendees present

Chelsea reported that she had a conversation with Steuben County's Amy Dlugos regarding the Town of Corning's Master plan update and that we would like the County's involvement as well as, having a conversation with the City of Corning and Mayor Morris from the Village of South Corning and that they would also welcome involvement with our process, especially, regarding the focus group sessions.

Chelsea contacted prior Master plan facilitator, Jennifer Fais who gave her the entire prior meeting minutes from the 1997-1999 Master Plan update. She spoke about Map data, of which is in need of updating, collecting simple data, updating the Towns maps and the GIS process. Stating that the slope maps had already been updated by the Planning board. Including that there are no current Road maps of the Town in the old plan and that it would be advisable for us to do so in this revision.

She also stated that Mr. Vail had decided not to participate on this committee to update the Master plan after all. She reported that she has been able to obtain the Master Plans from the Village of Addison and the Town of Campbell and that Victoria Ehlen would be available to assist us with the focus group sessions. The website has been updated as of June 6th and Kim will be looking into putting a link on the Town's website.

Regarding focus groups and attendees – Major Landowners, Developers and Realtors, what are the criteria? More than 7 properties owned and/or more than 80 acres. Look also at commercial realtors vs. residential realtors. Focus group quantification by using cards ranking levels. Preparing a letter to the focus groups and enclosing quantification cards so that if they choose to not attend they can still provide input. Including municipal Fire chiefs, surrounding municipalities, business', area employers and economic development companies in the area, area utility companies.

Where does Hickling stand, who owns, what are their plans for the future? Recreation groups and groups like Friends of the river. How does the Master Plan fit in with future plans like boat launches, river trails and bicycle trails? Chelsea will put together final focus group lists and email them out to the committee.

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Discussion on holding these focus groups on 1 day and 1 evening session to start with, and go from there.

The next topic discussed was about the actual focus group questions, that some needed to be quite general in nature and some needed specificity. As well as, what is the time frame ascertained as to how long the people would have for discussion in the focus groups. It was also discussed about who does not have natural gas, cable, water, internet ...etc.

What are the current mining standards in the Town? DEC regulations and maps of all permits for current mines.

Vision of the Master plan was also discussed, what is our vision? Energy, wind, solar, fiber network, flood plain maps, and inclusion of the local law enforcement agencies into this process as well.

Chelsea agreed to complete the stakeholder list with contact information for next meet, draft a invite letter and begin working on the infrastructure maps. The plan is to schedule meetings after Labor day. Attempting to hold all focus groups within 6 weeks after labor day.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:25pm by Mike Donnelly and seconded by Kenneth Uhl.