

Town of Corning
Master Plan Update Committee Meeting
May 9, 2012

Attendance:

Mike Donnelly
Kim Feehan
John MacMahon
Marianna Redner
Chelsea Robertson
Danielle Salley

Absent:

Elijah Baity
Dean Stuart
Doug Wicks
Kenneth Uhl

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

1. Approval of February 8, 2012 and March 21, 2012 Minutes – Due to the fact that there was not a quorum in March to approve the February minutes the approval of those minutes were held for approval until this meeting. On a motion by Mike Donnelly, seconded by Marianna Redner and carried to approve the February 8, 2012 and on a motion by Danielle Sally, seconded by Mike Donnelly and carried the March 21, 2012 minutes were approved.
2. Review March's meeting
 - a. **Preservation / Growth Map Survey** – the group discussed the preservation / growth map where we have mapped what community really wanted to see preservation and where they wanted to see growth. The conflicted areas are Route 352 and the college, but it is clear that more people want to preserve the college than grow it on Spencer Hill Road. Everyone agrees that Route 414 should be grown if we can put businesses there, it is a good place to put them.
 - b. **Land Use versus Zoning Map** – the group looked at a land use map and compared it to the zoning map to see if they are consistent. They were consistent.
 - c. **Traffic Counts** – traffic counts were done in 2010. Nothing really exiting other than at the highway interchange in East Corning getting onto I86 at Route 352 there are about 28,000 cars per day that travel that route.

3. Review recommendations on the following chapters - Recommendations were reviewed on the following chapters:

Chelsea explained we are at in the process. She noted that Chapter 1, 2, 3, half of 4, 5, 6, half of 7, 8, and 10 are complete. At the next meeting the committee will be looking at Chapter 9 – Land Use and Zoning; Chapter 11 – Town Project; Chapter 4 – Town Taxes and Government; and Chapter 7 – Open Space and Recreation.

Chelsea continued to walk through the process and timeline. It was concerned that the meeting scheduled for August, John MacMahon won't be able to make it. They will talk about it if it is an issue. It is hoped to have everything revised and done by August 8 and then doing public information sessions in September and presenting to the Town Board for consideration in October. She hopes to stay with that schedule but it may be pushed out until November.

- a. **Natural Resources Open Space and Recreation** – the group went through that chapter, but they were unable to finish that. They talked a lot about the steep slopes and soil. The soils are all sea soils which don't infiltrate water well, which means that water runs down the mountains, so it is a concern with the steep slopes. There was a request that we should make sure to define terms, maybe create a definition booklet at the beginning of the Plan to define terms such as green infrastructure and other planning terminology.
- b. **Built Environment and Infrastructure** – the group talked about Hickling Station and finding out who purchased it as there has been news that someone has purchased it. Also try to make recommendation more general and don't pinpoint Corning Natural Gas, but say any natural gas in the area.

The group discussed the possibility of where new water wells be placed. It was suggested the Oakfield area, but Kim Feehan disagreed with that, so we will list all the possible areas. But the recommendation will be that we will need more employees as well with an expanding service, if more people get water.

The group talked about the Town of Corning working more closely with all the neighboring municipalities to try not to be so specific to talk about for example the Town of Big Flats, but say neighboring municipalities.

The committee needs to look at what is required to make Spencer Hill Road a more safer road.

- c. **Town Housing and Property Values** - the group talked about the figures and data that was used. Some of the data did include the City of Corning which was unfortunate based on zip code, other data we were able to get specific to just the Town. We are going to check to see if we can use assessor's data to redo some of the tables that would just include the Town.

The group talked through the recommendations for the town for creating more apartment style living and homes for the aging population.

Talked about the zoning need to increase the R-2 Zone on College Avenue and Gorton Road, just to allow for more apartments in that area. Will need to evaluate the Subdivision Law to make sure it would work. Of course with the knowledge that with septic and sewer may be required for some of these projects.

Out of the four sections that were to be reviewed, the group did not get to the Town Government Section. This section will be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. Next meeting - the next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2012 at 5:30 PM.
5. Adjourn - the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM on a motion by Marianna Redner, seconded by Kim Feehan.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea Robertson