

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF VETERAN**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

**April 28, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

**OPENING OF MEETING:**

Meeting was called to order by Dave Lewis at 7:00pm

**PRESENT:**

Chelsea Robertson, Planner STCRPDB  
David Lewis, Committee Member  
Elise Speck, Committee Member  
David Crowley, Committee Member  
Francis, Henke, Committee Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Scott Shaw, Chemung County  
Louis DeCicco, Town Board  
Vincent Azzarelli, Planning Board  
John Groff, Town Attorney  
Two members of the public  
Two members of the media

**ABSENT**

Kathleen Andrews, Committee Member  
Richard Winkky, Committee Member

- 1. Public hearing was open to the public at 7:07pm**
- 2. Discuss issues brought up by committee member and town board member**

D.Lewis explained that he would like to first address issues that F. Henke and L. DeCicco have brought up about the plan and try and resolve those tonight before fully opening the meeting to the public.

The first issue was on page 7 under Population. It is the statement of the census data and racial make-up of the town. Mr. DeCicco would like to see that sentence removed as he doesn't believe the racial make-up has any bearing on this comprehensive plan or policy decisions that could be made. D. Lewis stated that it was simply a statement of fact based on census data that is public data. C. Robertson, agreed that most comprehensive plans include this data so that a town can know who their citizens are and can identify any changes in the profile of their town over time. C. Robertson also stated that removing the sentence shouldn't impact any other part of the plan. D. Crowley stated if the census data will be interpreted incorrectly he would like to see it removed. The committee voted to remove the sentence.

D. Lewis then moved on to address an issue with private wells distance from agricultural practices as noted on page 67. F. Henke said that the revised version of the paragraph that talks about private wells and distance from agricultural practices are best dealt with separation of land uses through zoning addresses his concerns and he is satisfied with this section.

D. Lewis mentioned it would be good to add a recommendation that addressed the separation of land uses and private well supplies particularly when it comes to subdivision of land.

### **3. Public hearing was opened to the rest of the public for general comments**

L. DeCicco asked if an executive summary could be added. After some discussion on how best to do this, the committee agreed that the introduction chapter should be reorganized so that a discussion of how the town began this process and the town vision are on the first page. C. Robertson agreed she would revise the introduction chapter.

D. Crowley asked if what is currently in the plan meets the Town's needs as far as pipelines and compressor stations go, due to the potential new development of a compressor station within the Town.

V. Azzarelli corrected C. Robertson in that this particular project would have to go before the planning board for approval and is overseen by FERC, not the PSC. C. Robertson said that is great news and the planning board shall work to follow the draft comprehensive plan and ask that the natural gas company disguise their compressor station as a barn to fit into the rural backdrop as well as ask that existing right-of-ways are used when possible, when laying new pipeline.

L. DeCicco noted he attended the disaster preparedness in Binghamton that was put on by NYS DOS. He thought it might be a good addition to add information from that program into the comprehensive plan when talking about emergency services. C. Robertson agreed and said she will get information from that program and add a section.

**Public hearing was closed at 8:20pm**

### **4. Next steps**

Committee agreed they were ready to pass the plan onto the Town Board for setting up of a public hearing there and for their eventual approval.

A motion made by D. Crowley and seconded by E. Speck to pass the revised version with all recommended changes from tonight's public hearing onto the Town Board for their review. Roll call vote. All were in favor.

C. Robertson agreed that a revised plan would be available online no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Closing of Meeting:**

D. Lewis closed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.