

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF VETERAN  
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 28, 2013  
7:00 PM**

**OPENING MEETING:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chelsea Robertson.

**PRESENT:**

Chelsea Robertson, Planner STCRPDB  
Clayton Sauberan, Committee Member  
David Crowley, Committee Member  
Richard Winkky, Committee Member  
Elise Speck, Committee Member  
David Lewis, Committee Member  
Francis Henke, Committee Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

John Groff, Town Council  
William Winkky, Town Supervisor

**ABSENT:**

Kathleen Andrews, Committee Member

**1.) Approval of April minutes:**

Motion by E. Speck, seconded by C. Sauberan to accept meeting minutes of November as written. All in favor, motion carried.

**2.) Review of draft recommendations and discussion of preferences:**

C. Robertson talked with the committee about the timeframe for the comprehensive plan. Explaining that we are nearing the end. C. Robertson expects to have a full draft of the plan completed by spring with expectations to present to the Town Board by early fall.

C. Robertson walked through the Utilities and infrastructure chapter.

It was asked what buffers are required by gas companies for gas lines? C. Robertson was unsure. C. Sauberan would like to add a recommendation that the Town's zoning law require a 200' buffer from all gas lines. C. Robertson explained that this may be hard to enforce since the Town has no authority on gas lines as that is regulated by FERC and the PSC. But that it was not a bad idea of add to the recommendations.

D. Crowley talked about how the Town could work better with gas companies. See if we can learn of their plans for the future, so the Town could better plan for the future.

In the roads section it was pointed out there was a typo. Middle Road and Ridge road are county roads (not local). C. Robertson will fix this.

Recommendation "g." talks about the recently adopted road use agreement. J. Groff explained that the Town has participated in the county wide road survey but have not yet adopted a road use agreement.

Recommendation “h.” the committee would like to add some qualifying words such as “when possible.”

When reviewing the water and sewer section C. Robertson explained that the assumption she went with when writing this part of the plan was that it was undesirable to extend water and sewer lines up Rt. 14 and/or Rt. 13. Due to the business that water and sewer lines may bring. The committee said they would not be opposed to water and sewer up the main state routes, but that they would also like to maintain their rural character. More small businesses that match the character of their town would be desirable. C. Robertson will reword this.

Recommendation “j.” change to 3 acre minimum for future “residential” subdivisions.

Remove recommendation “k”. Ask that septic are in compliance with DOH.

The committee would like to reiterate water testing for baseline information before gas drilling becomes common. Also additional information concerning water testing would be good for public educations such as what Schuyler county has done.

C. Robertson then worked through the Natural Resources chapter. She explained that this section includes parks and recreation such as the Catherine Valley Trail. She would like to get some input on that section from Chemung county, so more recommendations may come.

It was asked if the trail is only 12-miles long. C. Robertson said she found that on the Friend of the Catherine Valley Trail website, but will double check.

There are no town maintained or owned parks.

The Parks map has a typo of the map name on it.

Recommendation “a.” Add “to take advantage of grant funds to finishing of existing park system.

It was asked how cemeteries play into this section. W. Winkky explained that there is a current issue with a cemetery in town that needs maintenance that the association has basically abandoned the cemetery and residents are asking the town to step in. But the town is not liable for the cemetery. C. Robertson, said she will find a way to add some language and information into this chapter on cemeteries.

C. Robertson walked through the rest of the chapter and the committee was okay with the remaining recommendations.

**3.) General Zoning discussion and mapping:**

C. Robertson explained that the next step will be to make recommendations about new zoning districts within the Town. She asked the Town members look at the maps with ariel photography and think about their options.

The committee talked about the different issues with different types of zoning. C. Robertson asked that the committee think further about this over the next month or so and we reconvene in March to talk about our options.

**4.) Next meeting?**

C. Robertson explained she had a conflict with the regularly scheduled March meeting. The committee agreed to change the date to March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**CLOSING OF MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. by C. Sauberan, seconded by R. Winkky, all in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.