

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF VETERAN
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2013

7:00 PM

OPENING MEETING:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by David Lewis

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

Kathleen Andrews, Committee Member

ABSENT:

Francis Henke, Committee Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Shaw, Chemung County Associate Planner II

Vincent Azzarelli, Planning Board Member

Approval of January Minutes:

Motioned by C. Sauberan, seconded D. Crowley to accept the minutes from January. All in favor with the exception of D. Lewis who abstained; motion carried.

Agenda Change:

C. Robertson added an item to the agenda regarding agriculture.

Agriculture and Farm Land Protection:

D. Crowley brought an Agricultural Grant to the attention of the committee. It would cost the town about \$1,667 cash and an in-kind match of about \$6,600.

C. Robertson agreed that this is something the town should attempt to receive. She also recommended that the town continue to allow business with agriculture. Following agreement to this statement from the committee she said she will look back at the agriculture chapter in the plan and will compile information.

Trail Use and County Transportation:

S. Shaw spoke about possible opportunities to utilize the Catherine Valley Trail. S. Shaw offered to help Veteran organize an event on the trail. The committee said they would keep that in mind.

C. Saubern suggested the town should bring in business related to the trail; possibly an outdoor store. The committee agreed that this type of business should be encouraged.

C. Robertson informed the board of possible grants from the state to connect trails in the future. If the town is interested, they should gain support with other towns and jointly apply for it.

Land Use and Recommended Zoning Changes:

C. Robertson stated that the town only has one zone, agricultural/residential. She was then curious as whether the flood zones in the town were enforced. R. Winkky said that a local farm had to build a platform to continue with the business. The floods are only 100/500 year floods. An overlay district is governed by DEC and not written with current laws, so all decisions come from DEC.

C. Robertson talked about creating another zone to designate what areas could be used for commercial and industry and asked what the committee's thoughts were. The committee discussed it and desires to put language in the plan favoring locations for business in the zone and the use of special use permits. C. Robertson wanted to make sure it was understood that with only one district a business cannot be refused.

C. Robertson said she had issues with the definitions regarding trailer parks. She said she is looking to strengthen special use permits. She stated she does not want to lock out any business if it does not negatively impact agriculture. Also, she will define an Agro-business. Lastly she will review wind energy and put in language to protect residents.

C. Roberston also was concerned on the small buffer zone that an industry would have to abide by. She was unsure if it was 25 or 50 feet suggested its expansion to 100 feet. D. Lewis stated given the space available in the town the buffer zone should be larger than 100 ft. and the committee agreed.

Next Meeting:

Due to Memorial Day, it will be moved from the last Monday of May to May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m..

Closing of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. by D. Lewis, seconded by R. Winkky. All in favor. Motion carried.