

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF VETERAN
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 22, 2013
7:00 PM

OPENING MEETING:

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

PRESENT:

Chelsea Robertson, Planner STCRPDB
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
Scott Shaw, Chemung County
Bill Winkky, Town Supervisor

ABSENT:

Kathleen Andrews, Committee Member
Clayton Sauberan, Committee Member

1.) Approval of May minutes:

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

2.) Review of Land Use Recommendations:

C. Robertson apologized for not getting an agenda out. But explained that today we would simply walk through the draft plan and talk about recommended revisions.

It was recommended that overall the maps need to be redone in a hire resolution so that they are more legible. C. Robertson, said that this will be done. In addition, once a plan is adopted, a map atlas will be made with the following maps in large scale and printed for use at the Town hall:

- School Districts
- Roads, Bridges, Dams, Recreation
- Pipelines
- Slopes
- Stream – Priority
- Watershed – Major
- Ag Districts, Land Use, Wind Speeds

C. Robertson asked if there were any major topics missing. D. Crowley asked if we could add information about corporate farms and impacts on water. Large Farms take up aquifers.

B. Winkky asked if we could add information about cemeteries due to the town's recent trouble with cemeteries. What is a public cemetery? How each cemetery is different, look at each one and must base town's decision on whether they are responsible for maintenance or not on the data that relates to that cemetery. What qualifies the cemetery as abandon?

If cemetery is abandoned, then the Town decides whether or not to mow it. There is an article in the star gazette on July 4th about cemeteries in Veteran. Family plots do not become the towns obligation. Increase in cremations therefore “buried” folks are decreasing and there is no one left to pay for maintenance of those existing graves.

Chapter 2: D. Crowley asked if we could add language about scenic view sheds and protection as well as look at ridgelines.

D. Lewis asked if the plan can try and keep consistent, so that turning the book won't be necessary. All maps be fitted to the 8 ½ x 11 portrait page. Also, a few unnecessary graphics / maps should be removed.

3.) Discussion of timeline and draft of entire plan:

The timeline we would like to shoot for is Schedule a workshop in September that includes both the planning board and the town board. Maybe on September 16th?

Then shoot for a mid October Public hearing at the Town Board.

The goal is to have the plan completed and adopted by the end of the year.

The committee should all take time to read the draft plan and send any comments to Chelsea no later than August 16th.

4.) Next meeting?

The date of the next meeting will be August 26, 2013.

CLOSING OF MEETING:

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

Next meeting is Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.