

Committee Attendance:

Edie Greenwood	Ed Downey	Mimi Ramos	Absent: Debbie Middlebrook
John Crodelle	Diane Engleke	John Midwood	Patti VandeBogart
Dale Culver	Bill Kish		

Guests: George Kaye, Sam Busselle, Delora Brooks, Kaitlin Lyle.

Actions to Bob Trotta comments:

Inventory barns for adaptive use: it was agreed to change barns to barns and other existing structures for adaptive reuse.

Edie: We should make it an action and have the Housing Committee and Economic Development Committee as stakeholders and implementation partners.

Ed: Put inventory before grants (charts on page 71 & 72).

Discussion on mining: board agreed to leave it as is.

Rezoning discussion: that will happen with the Zoning Review Committee.

Industrial park discussion: Ellen Pemrick said we don't have the road transportation that is needed for an industrial park. Nan Stolzenburg said there might be language in the CP already that encourages appropriate commercial use. She will check the language.

Edie: Two concepts came up at the public hearing. Tom Parrett wanted more emphasis on the impact of climate change. The other one came from Chris Kennan: finding a place to use the word equity.

Actions to Tom Parrett comments

Include climate change in vision statement: economic and environmental resilience in the midst of climate disruption. Second sentence to read: By 2035, we will have drawn on our social, cultural and economic diversity in an equitable, collaborative, creative, and forward-thinking way to enable our residents and visitors to experience a community proud of its agricultural heritage and supportive of its future. It was agreed to add climate change to the executive summary. On page 51 under "a" at the top of the page, add "assemble the list of native trees that can thrive in a changing climate". On page 11 in the Appendices, he mentioned "the increasing severity of weather due to global warming must be addressed in all planning and zoning efforts, and in building codes." Nan said this could be an action and she would find a place to put it.

Action to Ralph Fedele comment

He wanted more reference to the Irondale Schoolhouse. It was agreed to put it in Section A8 on page 61 and 62.

Actions to Chris Kennan comments

Discuss desirability of the need to grow the population of the town and village. No specific action was taken by the committee.

Actions to Sam Busselle comments

Edie: Many of Sam's points on housing have been addressed. We can expand in different sections. Nan said the only one she had an issue with was Funding Alternatives (determine the feasibility of adjusting local real estate and occupancy taxes for short-term rentals, B&Bs, etc.). It's unrealistic at the local level.

Sam said the Comprehensive Plan was lacking the definition of affordable. Bill and Nan agreed to put Sam's Millerton and North East Patterns of Progress informational sheets in the Appendix after the discussion of Housing on page 11. Nan suggested putting in a What is Affordable Housing? box since it was not mentioned in other sections.

Nan had two questions: Item d under Section B (Regulatory Action to Meet Housing Goals) – congregate housing for specific groups, etc. She didn't know what that meant. Sam said it's a combination of integrating economically and age-wise and recognizing that there are different needs for different types of people in terms of age. The other question was item e (manufactured and mobile homes and tiny houses arranged in tighter density for economy and farm/scenic land preservation.) She said the part of arranged in tighter density, etc. is a different concept. The word manufactured will be removed from the box on tiny houses on page 38 of Part 1.

Nan's agenda: Going to add the Patterns of Progress pages into the Appendix; add a box that explains affordable housing and what the issues are; will add "allow flexibility to create affordable housing in the community" to the Housing Committee's goal. She will make sure that all of the things that the committee agreed to on Sam's recommendations will be meshed into the Comprehensive Plan.

Ed suggested adding the Tri-Town Coalition as an implementation partner for the Housing Committee.

Meeting ended at 9:30PM.