

Committee Attendance:

Eddie Greenwood	Ed Downey	Debbie Middlebrook	Absent: Mimi Ramos
John Crodelle	Dianne Engleke	Patti VandeBogart	John Crodelle
Dale Culver	Bill Kish		

Guests: Ralph Fedele, George Kaye

Chair Edie Greenwood opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

It was noted on page 4 (List of Acronyms and Abbreviations) that HVTA is Harlem (not Hudson) Valley Rail Trail.

It was agreed to have a color copy of the Draft 2019 Comprehensive Plan for public viewing at the Library and one each at the Town and Village Halls.

Planning Consultant Nan Stolzenburg suggested taking out the word "Draft" and the date on heading of each page and have it as "April Draft" on the cover. This would save on printing costs if no significant changes were made to the plan.

Edits made to revised Draft Comprehensive Plan Part 1 - March 2019:

Page 44 – Under Section A3 (The Town and Village should implement climate smart projects to become more resilient, long term.)

- Add item f to read: Encourage local government and community commitment to the three R's of waste stream management: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Discussion of recycling.

Nan: She talked about a plant in Oregon that takes plastic and reconstitute it as diesel fuel and are planning to have these plants all across the country.

Debbie: Asked if there are any emission impacts from the plants.

Nan: No.

Dianne: We have to recycle in much more imaginative ways.

Bill: The biggest problem Welsh Sanitation has is with its mixed single-stream recycling. Contamination is an issue and it ruins the economics of recycling. Asked Welsh employee about getting specific containers for recycling; reply was yes if there is a place to put them. It would be a boon for people if we could find a location.

Nan: Asked the committee if they wanted to add something specific or leave it broad.

Committee: Leave it broad.

Dale: Suggested the current highway garage site once the new garage gets built.

Edie: We need to make decisions about where we want maps. On page 81, all of the maps in the Significant Habitats in the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York should go in the appendix and not in the main document.

Bill: We have one combined significant habitat map.

Edie: It's so small that you can't read it.

Nan: You could add a note that says "This map is for illustrative purposes only and, for details, see (wherever the map location is).

Committee agreed.

Edie: Asked Bill if the others should go in the digitized, reference appendix.

Bill: He's going to put everything in there but asked if they should go somewhere else as well.

Nan: The first list (at the top of page 81 – The following maps are included within the Appendix) has general maps (base map, property class, aerial photograph). Then you get deeper; zoning ones have a lot of recommendations.

Edie: Would like the Town and Village zoning maps in the first part of the document.

Nan: Suggested the committee explore and discuss what they think a reader might need who is only to read the first part. You could have all of the maps in part one hyperlinked to the appendix. You need to think about usability; you want this document to be used. You want the Town and Village boards to look at it.

Bill: We are trying hard to avoid any web links.

Eddie: Likes the idea of being able to click on a chapter or section.

Nan: It would take some effort because those individual chapters have to be also pulled out and make into their own PDF. Say we take the 81 pages and turn it into a PDF. You then download the file (with all 81 pages). If you want to click on a specific chapter, you'd have to pull out those pages that are a separate file.

Bill: You shouldn't have to do that; you should be able to include links within a file without creating separate files.

Nan: She thinks to have Part I without easily getting to the maps is missing something. Her experience is that people really like maps. They're more apt to look at the maps than read the text. Asked if it's feasible to do it multiple ways. Asked if we can make a map file even though it will be repeated in the appendix or reference document.

Bill: Yes.

Nan: Then we would have four major things: part one, a map file, the appendix and reference document.

Eddie: For those who do want hard copy, she would go for three maps in the first section – a base map and the two zoning maps.

Nan: Suggested putting those maps at the end of the first document. Another approach would be to give a map in Part I a couple of maps that give people the big picture - the aerial photo, the base map and then you have things that are regulatory – the town map, the village map, the Ag district map and the wetland map (the first five maps listed on the top of page 81).

Eddie: What size maps?

Nan: 11x17 folded or 11x81/2.

Nan: For the planning boards, the ZBA and the Town and Village boards, you should have a least a big set of printed out maps and, at best over time, you should work at having a computer at the town and village hall that has the ability for the Planning Board and the ZBA to access the maps and zoom in on any given parcel.

Part I recap:

For part one, add Ecologically Significant Habitats map in the natural resource section as an illustration and add a note that it's for illustration purposes only.

Add base map, village zoning, town zoning, Ag district, wetlands and ecologically significant habitat maps at the end. All of the other maps will be tied into the appropriate section in the appendix and the reference document.

Have three printed color sets of the Draft Plan for Library, one each for Town and Village Hall.

Have 30 printed color Executive Summaries that would be an 11x17 folded page.

Have an informational presentation to the public, scheduled for April 27, 2019 from 2-4 pm at The Annex. Nan will develop a PowerPoint document and present it. John Midwood will film the presentation.

Schedule a public hearing on Saturday, May 18, 2019 to be held at the Annex from 2-4 pm.

The draft will be sent to Dutchess County Planning by the Town and Village after the committee presents the Draft Plan to the municipalities for adoption.

Nan: Asked the committee how they are going to advertise the April 27 informational public presentation.

Committee: Utilize the Library, the Millerton News, Post Office, flyers at community bulletin boards, Facebook, town and village websites, get the North East Community Center involved.

Appendix changes:

Page 14 – Educational services paragraph:

- Change Bard College location from Amenia to Annandale-on-Hudson.
- Add Dutchess Community College and Dutchess BOCES.

Page 16 – Wastewater Treatment section:

- Second sentence in the first bullet to read: "For the Village and the area immediately adjacent to it to grow, there is a need to install a sewer system."

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.