

**Town of Ancram  
Comprehensive Plan Committee  
Regular Meeting  
October 8, 2007**

**Present:** Art Bassin, Barry Chase, Jim Bryant, Bonnie Hundt, Kyle Lougheed, Leah Wilcox; **Absent:** Don McLean, Monica Cleveland

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Art Bassin.

The minutes of the September 17 meeting were not yet available.

Mr. Bassin stated that three people had volunteered for the vacant spots on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. They are Chris Sommerhoff, Gene Aleinikoff and Jane Shannon. Mr. Bassin introduced Mr. Sommerhoff to the Committee and asked him to give the Committee a recap of his background. Mr. Sommerhoff stated he was a farmer and lifelong resident of Ancram, had served for years on the Planning Board, and believed the work of the Committee was very important to the Town. Mr. Sommerhoff had no questions for the Committee. Mr. Bassin asked for a motion to recommend to the Town Board that Mr. Sommerhoff be appointed to the Committee. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bassin said Mr. Aleinikoff was an attorney, had lived in Ancram for 40 years and had previously served as a Town Justice. Several of the Committee members knew Mr. Aleinikoff and supported the appointment of Mr. Aleinikoff to the Committee. Mr. Bassin stated he would ask Mr. Aleinikoff to come to one of the next meetings to meet with the committee.

Mr. Bassin reported that Ms. Shannon would not be able to attend meetings in January or February. The Committee decided to wait until Ms. Shannon returned to Ancram in March before considering her appointment to the Committee.

The Committee then discussed the Workshops which had taken place on 9/29 and 10/1. Several committee members commented on how similar all the tables conclusions were on both nights. Some members noted that new residents tended to want things to “stay the same”, while life-long term residents were more interested in seeing more economic development. There was general agreement that the overall conclusion from the workshops was the Community wanted to maintain the rural, agricultural character of the Town while accommodating appropriate development.

The Committee then began a review of the questionnaire in light of the information from the Workshops. Mr. Bassin commented the questionnaire was 13 pages long, and it would be useful to get it down to under 10 pages. The committee discussed each question and made a series of changes which Mr. Bassin will communicate to and discuss with Nan Stolzenburg and Don Meltz.

The Committee discussed the date of the next meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at 9 AM on Saturday 10/13. The meeting on Monday 10/15 was cancelled because several members could not attend that meeting. The purpose of the next meeting will be to finalize the changes to the questionnaire.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8.55. Motion carried.