

**Town of Ancram
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
November 5, 2007**

Present: Art Bassin, Barry Chase, Jim Bryant, Bonnie Hundt, Don MacLean, Leah Wilcox: **Absent:** Kyle Lougheed, Chris Sommerhoff, Gene Aleinikoff, Monica Cleveland

The meeting of the Ancram Comprehensive Plan Committee was called to order by Chairman Art Bassin at 7 PM.

A motion was made by member Chase and seconded by member Bryant to accept the previous minutes as amended. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the outstanding Town Profile data requirements Nan Stolzenburg had identified at the previous Committee meeting. Budget and building permit information has been sent to Nan. Jim Bryant is going to send information related to Town Officials. Bonnie Hundt will compile information about businesses in Town. Monica Cleveland will collect all updates and revisions to the Town's zoning laws and ordinances and other local laws, and will compile information about all emergency services agencies – fire, police, rescue squad. Kyle Lougheed will summarize information about Town parks and recreation areas, and will compile information about all utility companies serving the Town. The Committee identified five community groups: The Ancram Fire Company, the Ancram Preservation Group, the Ancram Landowners Association, the Ancram Angels and Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Mr. Bassin suggested that if anyone has any questions about the Profile Data requirements, they should talk or email directly to Nan.

The Committee then turned it's attention to the Survey for a final review. Several changes were made to the survey. Mr. Bassin will revise the survey and send it to Ms. Stolzenburg and the printers tomorrow, and will circulate a final draft of the survey to the Committee. Mr. Bassin said the survey would be mailed out in about a week, and said he would arrange for a press release and a public announcement to be run in the newspapers.

The Committee then discussed setting up discussion groups over the next 60 days to solicit more community input on the issues. The Committee's conclusion was is was not necessary to do any additional data gathering discussion groups at this point, because the combination of the Planning Issues List, the workshop results and the survey all seemed to indicate we had "framed" the issues pretty thoroughly. The Committee was concerned if we were to hold issue oriented discussion groups over the next 60 days, we might not be able to get people back in the January-February period for "focus group" meetings related to the results of the surveys.

The Committee decided to explore the possibility of holding one "group discussion" meeting with young people of high school and college age. The question is whether we

will be able to identify this group and attract them to a discussion of their views about what they like and don't like about the Town of Ancram, what their vision is for the future of the Town, and what they think we need to do to make Ancram a better place for their generation both today and in 20 years. If we are able to identify and attract this group, the meeting will be held on December 29th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Barry Chase will check with the schools to see if we will be able to get names of Ancram high schoolers from the schools. Art Bassin will check with Kyle Lougheed to see if the Youth Commission has a list of high school and college aged residents, and will ask the email communications list for possible names as well. Local church groups may also be a source of names for this group. Mr. Chase and Mr. Bassin will determine if we are going to be able to actually identify this group, and if we are able to, will communicate to the rest of the committee and schedule a next meeting to discuss the details of the 12/29 group meeting. Mr. Bassin asked if anyone on the Committee was willing to take on the responsibility of organizing and managing the 12/29 group meeting. Committee members are thinking about this.

No next meeting was scheduled. Mr. Bassin will communicate with the Committee by email when the next meeting date has been set.

A motion was made by Ms. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Chase to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.