

Town of Ancram Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting on 6/25

Present: Art Bassin, Leah Wilcox, Kyle Lougheed, Barry Chase, Nancy Broe, James Bryant and Monica Cleveland

Absent: Don MacLean

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The committee met with *River Street Planning and Development of Troy New York, and CT Male, from Latham, NY.*

River Street: They are a small firm with a staff of seven. They are fluent in land use and planning issues. Each person of the firm has a specific talent. Ancram would be a primary project. They have worked with Coxsackie and Greenville. They will look at keeping the agriculture in the community as well as moderate income housing for the young and keeping the retired community members in town. They will look at the town's tax base and how the community functions from a monetary standpoint. They believe in community involvement. They will help find grants to help fund the project.

Comments: The committee felt that they were very impressive and that they know what they are doing. They liked the fact that they understand the importance of community involvement. They are familiar with working with small towns with agriculture bases. The committee felt that they were near the top of the list.

CT Male: Senior Planner Chuck Voss began the presentation by stating that the firm is a large firm out of Latham. He has 19 years of experience. They have worked with Hyde Park. The firm is large enough to have all assets at hand and will not need to go outside of the firm. They will be interactive and will guide the committee.

Comments: The committee felt that the proposal was good but that the presentation fell short. The board feels that they are too big, do not have small rural town experience and ranks them low on the list.

Meeting was adjourned at 9.15 PM