

**Ancram Comprehensive Plan Committee**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 4, 2007**

**Present:** Art Bassin, Kyle Lougheed, James Bryant, Barry Chase, Monica Cleveland

**Absent:** Nancy Broe, Leah Wilcox

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The regular meeting of the Ancram Comprehensive Plan Committee was called to order by Chairman Bassin at 7:30PM.

A motion was made by member Bryant and seconded by member Lougheed to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2007 meeting as read. Motion carried.

Chair Bassin stated that the committee had received seven proposals. He felt that they all have strengths. He asked that each member read them through by the next meeting, Monday June 11, 2007, and rate them from 1-7 on which they like the best. He suggested that they take the top three the committee agrees on and have them speak to the committee. The discussion will be made not only on their proposal but also on how the board reacts to them on a personal level.

Member Chase asked if the company's references were in the books. Chair Bassin stated they were.

\*The committee took five minutes to look through the proposals. \*

The committee decided that as they read through the proposals and ranked them they would look at the following:

1. Overall feel of the proposal.
2. The cost of the service verses what services are given keeping in mind that some of the costs may be negotiable on several of the proposals.
3. Benchmarking from other towns similar to Ancram.
4. Public interaction process.
5. Availability: How many meetings and public appearances they are willing to attend.
6. If they are available for continued use after the plan is complete for updates and questions.
7. If they provide a web page and grant support.

Member Bryant stated that the committee may also want to make sure that they not get into a "you get what you paid for" situation and afterwards regret not paying a little more for a better consultant.

The committee believed the following key issues need to be addressed:

1. Establish another form of density control.
2. Get a handle on resources: ie. management of gravel
3. The Route 7 and 82 intersection in downtown Ancram; look into reengineering it for safety.
4. Keep the rural character of the town.
5. Point out where we need and can sustain new growth in town.
6. Make places like Long Lake have accessibility.
7. Establish a youth center and town services.

8. Keep agriculture alive in Ancram
9. Establish sidewalks in the town centers.
10. The paper mill, what will happen if it no longer exists.
11. Cell Towers, wind towers, sun panels & water
12. Condemnation of falling buildings.
13. Municipal Parking areas.
14. Tax incentives for businesses.

Paul Spencer, community member, suggested that the planners look into the intersection problems on both sides of the town. Member MacLean stated that in the past the DOT had been responsive to Town Comprehensive plans.

Member Bryant stated that the committee should seriously look at the mill and what would happen if it was to shut down. Member MacLean suggested that if the mill were to shut down, another industry come into the facility.

Chair Bassin asked the committee if they had anyone they would like added to the communications list. Member MacLean stated that he had no problem with this if it eventually would be replaced with a web base. Chair Bassin stated that the Website will be the first item taken care of once a consultant is chosen and then the emails will discontinue.

The next meeting will be held Monday June 11, 2007 at the Town Hall. A weekly meeting will be held each Monday for the following 3 weeks. Chair Bassin would like to inform the Town Board which consultant they've chosen at the July Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by member MacLean and seconded by Member Loughheed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Monica Cleveland  
Clerk