

**Town of Ancram
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Regular Meeting
July 23, 2007**

Present: Art Bassin, Barry Chase, Jim Bryant, Leah Wilcox, Monica Cleveland †
Absent: Don MacLean, Nancy Broe, Kyle Lougheed

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

A motion was made by Mr. Chase and seconded by Mr. Bryant to accept the prior minutes as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Bassin asked the committee their feelings on the proposed water study of the town. The costs would be around \$6,000.00 but Mr. Bassin feels that due to the fact that there are serious water problems in Ancram and Ancramdale, it would be money well spent. Mrs. Wilcox stated that in doing a comprehensive plan we will be directing development to certain areas. The committee may not want to direct development where there is no water, or too much water. The committee agreed that this was an important issue and that it should be a part of a build out analysis.

Mr. Bryant stated that possibly he and Mr. Bassin could meet with Mr. Leggett and Mr. Podris about the combined comprehensive plan/revaluation communications program on the first Thursday of August. Mr. Bassin indicated he would be out of town the first Thursday in August, but suggested the meeting take place without hem.

Mr. Bassin stated that he has spoken to Nan regarding the contract and that she will accept the termination clause proposed by the Town Attorney. The Town will accept the proposed billing methodology based on hours worked, and both parties agreed on 45 days for paying bills. The committee agreed with this. The contract will be ready in the next week or two.

Mr. Bassin turned the Committee's attention to the Profile information that needs to be collected as raw data for the consultants. The data will be used throughout the plan. The categories were distributed as follows: Local and Regional History - Leah Wilcox with help from the town historian Clara VanTassel; Development Patterns - Don MacLean and ZEO John Florio; Cultural and Historic Resources - Nancy Broe and Clara VanTassel; Local Historic Sites - Leah Wilcox; Volunteer and Non-Profit Organizations - Jim Bryant; Highway Maintenance - Jim Bryant with assistance form Jim MacArthur; Municipal Property - Jim Bryant; Emergency Services - Monica Cleveland; Solid Waste- Monica Cleveland; Utilities- Kyle Lougheed; School Districts- Barry Chase; Economy- Nancy Broe; Local Government and Town Budget- Monica Cleveland; Current Land Use Regulations- Don MacLean and Leah Wilcox. Mr. Bassin asked that this information be returned at the first August meeting in two weeks.

Mr. Chase informed the committee that he had received an Enrollment Projections Study done in 2005 from Pine Plains School District as well as a school building pupil capacity study from 2006. He spoke to the Webutuck CSD and was told to call Dutchess County BOCES who has done an enrollment study. He also stated that he was told to speak to Mr. Molinaro for a study that he did in the past. He will have done this by the next meeting.

Mr. Bassin asked that the members send him their lists of key people and leaders in Town they think should be interviewed for the plan. He will circulate the consolidated list to the Committee for review and discussion before sending a finalized list to Nan.

The committee discussed the calendar that they would like to send to the town residents. Mr. Bryant suggested composing this following his and Mr. Bassins meeting with Mr. Leggett and Mr. Podris regarding the revaluation process.

Mr. Bassin stated that he had received an additional key issue from Ann Carrier. She would like to see “granny housing” on the list. Mrs. Wilcox stated that for small issues, the zoning can be amended as the process progresses, but larger issues will have to wait. Another issue added was a Farmers’ Market and placed under Agriculture.

Mr. Bryant informed the committee that he was receiving a proposal from a Laurie Quinn for the web site the following day. He will have a company selected by the August Board meeting.

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday August 6, 2007. This will be the first meeting with Community Planning.

A motion was made by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Chase to adjourn the meeting.