

**Town of Ancram  
Comprehensive Plan Committee  
August 27, 2007**

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting will be read and approved at the next meeting.

Mr. Bassin stated that the search for a new committee member is still ongoing. Ms. Carol Falcetti has had to withdraw her name due to other commitments and Mr. Carl Butler stated that he feels he cannot commit himself. Mr. Bassin stated that he was given the name of a Ms. Bonnie Hunt and that he has called her and left a message. The Town Board would like the committee to find a representative from Boston Corners. Leah Wilcox stated that she felt that they place Ms. Hunt on the committee and continue to look for a representative from Boston Corners. She also suggested asking Carol to be a representative for Boston Corners, not a full committee member. This way she could participate when she is able to. The committee agreed that this was a good idea.

Due to Mr. Bryant being absent, the committee decided to forgo discussing the data gathering, communications with the reval process, the newsletter and the website.

Mr. Bassin asked the committees opinions on the draft letter that is to be sent out to the community. Mr. Chase suggested that the letter was to long and needed to be condensed. Mrs. Wilcox agreed and suggested using bullet points. Mr. Bassin will work on condensing the letter.

Mr. Bassin showed the committee a sample letterhead for the committee. Mrs. Wilcox suggested making the sidebar with the names and addresses smaller and changing the picture on the top.

Mr. Bassin stated that in order to get the invitation to the workshops mailer out by September 12, 2007, the committee would need to have a meeting on Saturday September 8, 2007. This was agreed upon.

Mrs. Wilcox stated that she felt that the committee would have to limit public participation in the coming months. Mr. Bassin stated that he liked getting questions from the audience. The committee agreed that public opinion would be welcomed but that the public needs to understand that the meetings are working sessions. Mr. Bassin stated that he would be able to limit comments if they began to interfere, but said he did not think that was going to be a problem.

Mr. Bassin asked for the committees' comments on the sample surveys sent by Nan. Mr. Chase stated that they needed to be cut down a bit. He likes the 1,2,3,4, answer

approach. Mr. Bassin stated that he would like to find out how these surveys worked in the end and how helpful they were. Mr. McLean stated that he liked the Gent survey. He liked the question on funding the items people say they wanted to do.

The committee looked at the key issues list. At this time there is nothing to be added.

Mrs. Wilcox stated that she felt that once the workshop invitations go out, the key people on the list should be called and reminded of the workshop.

Mr. Bassin stated that he has spoken to the grant consultant and they suggested applying for the Greenway Grant which can range in funding from \$5,000 - \$10,000. He stated that this can be filled out by a member of the committee. There will be more grants available in the fall.

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2007 at 1:00pm.

Mr. McLean suggested the committee members take the questions they have written up and match them to questions on the sample surveys.

A motion was made by Mr. Chase to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Monica Cleveland  
Clerk