

**Town of Ancram
Comprehensive Plan Committee
September 17, 2007**

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

The regular meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Art Bassin.

Mr. Bassin stated that he felt the current Committee should be expanded from its current team of seven members to a group of up to ten. With the length of the process, it was discussed that not all members would be able to make all of the meetings. Due to this fact, an expanded Committee would be of great use. The Committee members were in agreement.

Mr. Bassin stated that the Town Board had appointed Bonnie Hunt to the Committee at the last Town Board meeting.

Mr. Bryant informed the board that the website should be up and running in approximately a month. The site will include several sections for the different Town departments. The domain name is www.townofancram.org and .com. At this time, the website is routing those who go to the page to Nan's website for Comp Plan information.

The invitations for the workshops have gone out to every business and family in town. It has been suggested by Nan to have a person from the Committee at each table as a facilitator. Her overview presentation will be done using a power point presentation. The facilitators will take notes for each table and make sure that each person gets to give their opinion. The optimum number of people at the tables is six. Mr. Lougheed volunteered to arrange for round tables to be delivered to the Town Hall for the workshops.

For the remainder of the meeting the Committee worked on the survey that is now scheduled to go out in November after the elections.

Mr. Bassin reminded all members that on 9/24 at 5 PM there was a seminar on farmland protection and open space preservation at the Columbia Greene Community College. Anyone who wanted to go should call the County Planning Department to reserve a spot. Because of this seminar, there will be no regular Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting on 9/24.

The next meeting of the Comp Plan Committee will be at the 9/29 workshop. Members were requested to arrive at the Town Hall at 8:30 AM.

Monica Cleveland
Clerk