

Richland/Pulaski Comprehensive Planning Meeting
October 5, 2017, H. Douglas Barclay Court House

Present: Dawn Holynski, Chair; Shawn Doyle, Secretary, Maureen Anderson, Donna Gilson. Robin Ford, Pulaski Village Board. Absent: Jodi Olsen, vacant seat.

Minutes of the April and May meeting were sent to all, informal minutes of the June meeting were read by Shawn, (no meetings July, August or September). Moved by Donna to accept, seconded by Maureen to accept minutes as read, all in favor none opposed.

In The News: Dawn made copies of news articles regarding Comp plan and related issues. The Climate Smart awards (Clean Energy Community) to the village were reported in the Press. NYSERDA was responsible for the article language and Dawn made note to everyone that the Comprehensive Plan Review/Climate Smart Committee was not mentioned. Without the work of this committee, the village would not have known about the ability to apply for grant money to continue their effort in clean energy designation.

The County has moved the tax delinquent past due status from four years to two years.

Discussion on the Mad River Wind Farm: Shawn and Dawn each spoke on the issue and how it has progressed.

Unrelated to the Comprehensive Plan, Dawn discussed this NYS Constitutional Convention ballot and reminded people to check the back of the ballot.

Committee Member vacancy: Robin will bring this up to the Village Board at the next regular meeting. Dawn recommends Jan Tighe for the seat. Shawn will ask Jodi about her intents, and we may have to replace her too. Donna moved Jan fill the vacancy, Shawn seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

The Comp plan needs to continue as a review committee after adoption. Shawn talked about the assisted living that will be built on the Fireman's field property (Dunbar Field).

Robin said the Village is going to be given \$3,000,000 for water updates from New York State! Email just came out today. Much discussion on the districts and the several layers of special districts. Discussion about Sandy Pond sewer issues.

Shawn suggested that in light of the lakeshore flooding this year we should insert in the Comp plan that sewer districts be studied and considered in the Lakeshore communities from Ramona Beach north to North Pond in Sandy Creek. This year there were instances of contaminated water in the two Ponds, Grindstone Creek and other inland watersheds. All agreed.

USDA Opportunity Project: Chris Stewart talked about a project involving rural web presence. Modeled on Estonia. Chris tasked with finding three communities in poverty areas. Jan Tighe came to meet with Chris and Carl Pucci a month ago. This would replace and enhance up to five websites, they can run parallel. Chris had spoken to Town, Village, and Chamber. Most could not have come to the meeting. Amsterdam signed up, Jamestown is considering this.

We all are more interested in this now that we understand. Shawn said that the Half-Shire and Alumni websites should be changed, and it was agreed the town and Village websites could be more user friendly. Shawn said the cost of the existing sites are high and he would participate with Farmers Market/Festival and Half-Shire, and encourage the others. Chris told everyone to check out example on www.Findyour.town

Jan Tighe reported via email previous to this meeting and said there was no interest due to the personnel shortage within the village office to build a new site or maintain something other than what they are use to. The village clerk is pleased with what they have at this time.

Town of Richland Wind Law: Dawn added this to the agenda as the town has not done any updates. There is a 2009 local law right now. Dawn cited John Droz law example and wants this to be considered. The town can enact a law without the planning board, though that isn't anyone's desire. Dawn asked everyone to review Mr. Droz's draft law and come to the November meeting for discussion.

Draft # 3 Comp Plan Updates: we have reviewed most everything. We need to finalize the wind energy piece next month. Shawn said there are updates from the summer that we need to add to tweak things (the Sr. housing and trails). Our interstate #81 wish list needs to be updated and need to be included. Shoulders on Rte. #3 need to be advocated for as it is so bad and narrow.

Shawn reported he is now Chairman of the NYS Association of Counties Transportation Committee. There is continued discussion on the Amish transportation issues.

Motion to adjourn by Donna at 7:30, seconded by Maureen, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Next meeting, Tuesday November 2, 2017 6pm, Courthouse

Respectfully Submitted,
Shawn Doyle