

**Village of Pulaski/Town of Richland
Comprehensive Plan Committee March 4, 2021**

Meeting Minutes Zoom Meeting

Present: Dawn Holynski, (Chairperson), Shawn Doyle, Robin Ford, Robin Philips, Donna Gilson
Melissa Wadkinson, Jan Tighe, arrived 6:50.

The meeting was opened at 6:01 by Chairperson Dawn Holynski. Robin Ford moved the approval of the minutes from February 4, 2021. Donna Gilson seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Dawn spoke on the joint meeting with Town and Village Boards held Feb 11, 2021. Committee attendance – Jan, Robin, Donna and Dawn. Dawn said the meeting went well, good discussion. The group went over the joint goals and responsibilities of the municipalities. There was one addition under Goal 2 – Economic Development suggested by Dan Krupke. The new recommendation (bb) “Implement/develop a water flow plan for the Salmon River that would promote a year-round plan for recreational use, i.e. river rafting, kayaking and fishing.”

Robin spoke positively about the plan’s readability and potential usage.

Dawn spoke to Jeanie Gleisner from CNY Regional Planning and Development Board. Jeanie thought the edits were good. Both town and Village meet separately next. Dawn asked if the two jurisdictions were ready to vote on the revised goals. Donna is unsure if the town has this on the agenda. Both need to set the public hearing for April meetings. We are not sure who will do the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) paperwork.

Climate Action Plan: The committee members commented on their discussions with businesses with regard to energy savings and carbon reduction.

Donna reported she spoke with Julie Peterson, town deputy clerk, looking into the solar panel savings. Donna talked to Diane Palm who is assessing their savings over the past five years at Fulton Companies, between windows and lighting, insulation and lighting they have seen savings in heating. Jeff Fowler has not gotten data on Peoples Bank.

Robin Ford said that she has asked Rich Brodeur for information on permits. Robin talked to Healthway and they said they have converted lighting to LED in many sites.

Dawn has reached out to St. John’s the Episcopal and Pulaski Methodist church. There have been no improvements to St. John’s and her contact at Pulaski Methodist will call back with information. Dawn still trying to reach someone at Schoeller and there have not been any upgrades at Tops Market. Dawn spoke with Julie Peterson regarding lighting districts savings since changing to LED lighting. Julie will work on researching the cost savings.

Question arose whether former FX Caprara car dealership, now owned by Bob Johnson whether any upgrades have been done. Nobody knows anyone at the company.

In Dawn's discussion with Jeanie Gleisner, she reported that CNYRPB wrote a grant to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to try to cover legal costs involved with potential conservation subdivision designs in our zoning/planning goals.

Donna suggested formation of a conservation committee. Goal number 3 calls for this some discussion on a sub-committee, most felt to keep it as an agenda item. The Comprehensive Plan committee felt that when items regarding conservation expertise is needed, it would be better suited for the community to seek experienced people in that category and have them come at a specific meeting rather than every meeting.

Shawn asked Donna about the water district progress. Donna said there were troubles boring under railroad in Richland. DEC has issues with expansion at Sandy Island Beach.

Dawn asked Robin for Village update. This Monday is the next meeting. Robin said they are looking for an electric charging station site(s). Apparently there is some grant funding at no cost to the Village for two to four stations.

Donna brought up the Lighthouse is looking to build a restaurant. There are some legal issues with the road and the ROW still remain.

It was decided that our committee will continue with Zoom meetings a few more months.

Next meeting – Thursday, April 1, 2021