

MEETING SUMMARY – April 08, 2015, MEETING
TOWN OF LANSING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE

Members Present: Jase Baese; Tom Butler; Jerry Caward; Daniel Adinolfi

Others Present: Kathy Miller, Town Supervisor; Michael Long, AICP, Planning Consultant; Joseph Sheppard, Planning Assistant; Nick Goldsmith, Town/ City of Ithaca Sustainability Coordinator; Gay Nicholson, Sustainable Tompkins; Wenging Zhu

Planning Consultant Mike Long called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Sustainability Issues:

- Nick Goldsmith, Town/ City of Ithaca Sustainability Coordinator Spoke to members of the committee about sustainability issues addressed in both the City and Town of Ithaca’s comprehensive plans
- Gay Nichols from Sustainable Tompkins spoke to members of the committee about various state and federal sustainability initiatives and programs.
- Mike suggested adding the recommendation of the creation of a Sustainability Committee to the Comprehensive Plan
 - Kathy agreed that it was important to add this to the plan but the need may be great enough to create a committee prior to the approval of the comp plan.
- Discussion revolving around the possible expiration of both state and federal tax credits that encourage renewable energy and sustainability occurred
- Discussion around the various benefits and differences between solar, wind, and microhydro, occurred
- Mike discussed the importance of the Power Plant to the community and that there should be some discussion of what the community would like to see happen with it included in the plan
- The question was asked and discussion occurred revolving around how the philosophical underpinnings offered by Gay could be paired down and reflected by the Comprehensive Plan to affect change in the region.
 - Suggestions were offered to borrow ideas from surrounding areas comp plans

- Suggestions were offered to include sustainability questions and design guidelines into the plan that should be a part of new development and planning approvals.
- A suggestion was offered to create an inventory and measurement metrics that revolve around increasing the capacity of sustainability
- It was noted that likely the largest amount of energy usage, and largest sustainability issue, likely revolves around transportation concerns.
 - Discussion then revolved around lack of TCAT service
- Nick offered his assistance in moving down the path to create an inventory of energy usage
 - It was noted that the county is in the process of creating a similar inventory and it was questioned if it would be possible to pull information from the county to utilize in the plan
- It was suggested to review the County's chapter on energy usage to assist with the creation of the plan
- It was suggested to look at usage estimates from the Town and City of Ithaca alongside estimates of other towns in the area with similar demographics to generate usage estimates for Lansing.

Miscellaneous:

- Provided please find a link to the Google Drive Folder that includes all of the maps that have been compiled: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8ad7Edph0dEZHV2anU4T2RmbEE&authuser=0>

Minutes:

- Paper copies of the Minutes from the March 11, 2015 meeting were made available to the committee
- Pruitville Rd under the section Draft List of Maps should Read Peruville Rd.

Announcements

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Next Meeting: Wednesday May 13, 2015 @ 7:00pm Lansing Town Hall Board Room discussion will revolve around zoning and maps

Planning Consultant Mike Long adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

Prepared by Joseph Sheppard