

Town of Canandaigua

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Canandaigua, New York 14424

CITIZENS' IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

Committee and Staff Members Present: Doug Finch
Sarah Reynolds
Eric Cooper
Gary Davis
Ray Henry
Oksana Fuller
Joyce Marthaller
Kevin Reynolds
Tom Schwartz
Pat Venezia

Members Absent: Kelly LaVoie

Open Space Project - Conservation and Scenic View Master Plan

➤ **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Meeting began at 9:00 am

➤ **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None at this time.

➤ **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

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Ray Henry distributed copies of the 2017 Historian Report to all present.

Barb opened the presentation by expressing appreciation for everyone's help and contributions. She provided everyone with a summarized version of the Master Plan, along with an Executive Summary with an update and step-by-step explanation of the following:

Goals

Open Space Inventory

Parcel Rating System

Conservation Tools

Strategies

Recommended Actions

Barb stated that the purpose is to see if the Plan is ready to be rolled out to the public, in which case the next step would be to reach out to and engage the community. There was a landowners' meeting last fall. Postcards were sent to landowners owning more than nine (9) acres.

Tom Schwarz stated that property owners are interested, according to a landowner survey that was conducted. He was very pleased with the responses, which numbered 100.

Barb went through the maps. Sarah Reynolds asked if it is possible to snap the polygon for the Strategic Forest Protection area to parcel boundaries. Barb replied that it is. AG Land Protection had the board and drew it, but it was not exact. Barb said you can draw it to parcel boundaries, but it can leave it kind of fuzzy. Sarah said that you would have to go by parcels for funding for grants. It doesn't help if it goes right through the middle of a tax parcel. Have a polygon that you can select the parcels within.

Doug Finch asked if it would be possible to overlay boundaries to get a map that has both the forest and farmland protection areas. Barb said, "Maybe not for the Plan, but internally – yes." She said that the mapping was done in 2002 and that some of the trees and bushes may have already grown up. The land cover mapping needs to be updated.

Barb said that farmland serves as a buffer for open spaces and enhances the value of wildlife habitats.

Steep Slopes – Development can lead to erosion.

Scenic Views – Document those views with visible photographs. If you are dealing with a resource, scenic value has to be considered.

Public and Protected Land – Factor in preservation – considering what land to protect in the future.

Eric Cooper asked, “What is a private forest?” Barb replied that it is one of the parcels that is getting a tax reduction – AG exemption.

Doug said, “With regard to homeowners, the majority of developments have HOAs. Fox Ridge does own some land, but he doesn’t see anything noted there.

Barb said they may have missed that.

Sarah asked if legends should say ‘Homeowners’ Association’ instead of just ‘Homeowners’. Barb agreed.

Sarah asked if the Nature Conservatory should be on the list; Barb said “Yes.”

Executive Summary

Barb went through each of the key strategies in the Plan and asked if the next step should be to roll it out to the public.

Kevin Reynolds said that in weighting given to the Silver Maple Ash Swamp that he recognizes, they don’t rate higher than a green. Barb said that the weighting system is not perfect. Kevin asked, “If we were to adopt a collection of maps, is the ECB ready to review Planning Board applications?”

Joyce Marthaller said they would need to know and identify the mapping potential.

Kevin asked if there could be a Natural Resources Inventory.

Joyce said that there are only four (4) right now that they are authorized to deal with.

Doug said that he has been shocked by how few referrals had been made to the AG Committee.

Barb asked when it will be ready to be rolled out to the public.

Tom Schwarz suggested that everyone take ample time to carefully read through and digest the Plan to see if they have any questions. He said no recommendations should be made until the next meeting. Funding and implementation are most important. He said there has to be some embracing of the concept; “We don’t want to rush the approval process, as there have been many drafts/versions of this.”

Joyce suggested that the CIC look at the Executive Summary Strategies and Recommended Actions to get a good idea. That is most likely what the CIC will be focusing on. What exactly is the CIC’s responsibility? Do we think this Executive Summary is ready to go to the Board?

Tom said there will probably be some tweaks, and we need to get it as close to perfection/final draft stage before giving it to the Board.

Kevin said that perhaps a more generalized draft should be given to the Board first.

Joyce asked if we should invite the Town Board to the Public Meeting, and if so, maybe met with them for an hour beforehand. Could it be presented this May?

Kevin suggested we first give a copy of the Executive Summary to the Town Board.

Joyce suggested scheduling the Public Meeting in April and a joint meeting with the Town Board in May.

Barb asked if the landowners' input would be received before or after the Town Board looks at it.

Gary Davis said we should have the public's input before it goes to the Town Board.

Kevin stated we should get the Executive Summary in front of everyone.

Sarah asked if we should share the Executive Summary with the Board Members now.

It was agreed that there will be an internal review of the Open Space Plan and Executive Summary before moving forward with presenting it to the public and/or Town Board.

Eric said that we should include the word "Draft" on the front cover when presenting it to the Board.

Tom agreed, saying we should "ease the Board into it."

Doug asked if the ECB or the Open Space Team talked about possible funding sources.

Joyce asked how the CIC will implement the recommended strategies.

Tom said that if the Executive Summary is the only thing that the Town Board can look at, we may want to strengthen the funding piece.

It was decided that comments/suggestions on the Open Space Plan and Executive Summary will either be emailed to Sarah or, in the case of handwritten hard-copy notes, given to Eric, by April 3rd, as Sarah will be out of the office April 2nd – 6th.

Doug stated the need for help with implementing these plans. Eric said to go through each of these plans and ask how they are being implemented.

Joyce – Process questions and how long it can take. The ECB needs to start talking about it.

Kevin – Grant funding proposal talked about projects including waste reduction. Significant outreach effort before it starts to find out where residents are at with it. Pay-As-You-Throw residents will purchase special trash bags.

Joyce brought up organic recycling – bins and bags purchased.

Kevin said the process is in research stage, not in motion. With regard to the Bucket Law, he asked if the separation of food waste is County law.

Joyce said we have 10 years to make the paradigm shift by looking at the way(s) we recycle and make changes.

Kevin – Agricultural Program – Plastics?

Joyce – There's been some looking into how they can capture that resource, but nothing localized.

Kevin brought up TDRs.

Oksana asked if we could ask a Town Board member to be a liaison on TDRs.

Doug asked, "What about the AG Committee for TDRs? Maybe we can use Open Space or the AG Committee." Vince Yacuzzo – Fox Ridge – He is the deputy CFO of CNB and was on the Shared Services team. Doug receives emails from him and thinks he may be interested.

Oksana asked Doug if he (or we) will send a list of people to be considered for the TDR Board of Directors liaison. Doug said, "Yes."

➤ **MEMBERS' REPORTS**

None at this time.

➤ **UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS**

➤ **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:55 am