



Schenectady County

Town of Princetown

PRINCETOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE - MINUTES (Draft)

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 (rev. 10/4/12)

PRESENT: Patricia Bishop (Chairwoman), Joan Casazza, Paul Golding, Lisa Karandy, Mary Sue Reed, Doug Thorpe

ABSENT: David Geisinger, Robert Morin, Amy Fuller-Sullivan, Mary Sheehan

ALSO PRESENT: Darla Gullotta (Secretary), Michael Joyce, Joseph Jurczynski, Robert Pahl, Jack Sise, William Sise

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Patricia Bishop called the Town of Princetown Comprehensive Plan Review Committee meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Town Supervisor, Mike Joyce, shared the Town's vision with those in attendance.

III. DISCUSSION

Chairwoman Bishop introduced Councilman Joseph Jurczynski and together summarized the purpose and importance of the Comprehensive Plan.

Joan Casazza asked about the benefit of Metroplex interest in Princetown to which Mr. Joyce responded that Metroplex chooses to invest in municipalities.

Robert Pahl expressed concern over businesses like his (non-retail) being overlooked.

Ms. Bishop explained the difference between the Princetown and Rotterdam Industrial Zones. She further explained that the Town wishes to take a hard look at the Commercial Districts and decide which sections are best suited for different types of commercial uses.

As the Chairman, Ms. Bishop expressed the desire for the committee to work from the "original" Comprehensive Plan document that was presented to the Town Board in 2009. As the only difference with the "melded" plan with the "Original" plan were the recommendations at the end.

Mr. Sise addressed the committee members to express his opinion of the proposed 2009

Comprehensive Plan, calling it “fatally flawed.”

Joseph Jurczynski responded to Mr. Sise and explained what efforts went into the research and expertise used in the preparation of the proposed plan.

Mr. Sise offered his assistance in developing a new survey with the assistance of the Siena Research Institute, who may assist on a pro-bono basis.

In response to Mr. Pahl’s concern regarding wholesale use, Ms. Bishop stated that the Town should look at storage as a “use” although not specifically on Mr. Pahl’s property.

Supervisor Joyce asked Mr. Pahl to develop a list of ideas for the Committee to consider with regard to commercial development considerations.

Mary Sue Reed stated that it’s up to the Committee to consider what’s the best for all the residents of the Town and that the Town’s water supply must be given adequate protection. Mr. Thorpe responded by saying that it is the Town’s responsibility to protect the water but not at the expense of private business.

Committee needs to look at the entire picture and ultimately provide the Town with a document that will protect what they love most about this town.

Doug Thorpe started working on historical survey of the early to late 19th century homes and barns existing in Town.

Chairwoman Bishop stated that the outstanding table updates will be required in order to move forward.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____ Date: _____
Darla D. Gullotta, Comprehensive Planning Committee Secretary