

Pulaski/Richland Comprehensive Plan Review Committee

September 3, 2020 Minutes

H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

6-7:30 pm

Present: Dawn Holynski (Chairperson and town representative); Jan Tighe (village trustee and village representative); Donna Gilson (town board member and representative); Robin Ford (Village representative and trustee) Shawn Doyle (village representative); Absent/Excused: Maureen Anderson (town representative), Melissa Wadkinson (village representative)

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Holynski at 6pm. Approval of the August 6, 2020 minutes was moved by Donna Gilson, 2nd by Jan Tighe. All in favor, none opposed. Carried

Dawn handed out copies of the 1964 master plan that Jan brought from the Village. It is interesting to see the vision then and how it has changed.

Zoning updates and implementation goals: Jan discussed the timetable as the village has viewed it.

Dawn reminded the committee that our work has been completed with the updates to the 2011 plan. The zoning updates have been in the hands of the town supervisor, village mayor and both zoning boards to review and return thoughts and needed clarification to the comp plan committee if need be.

Throughout the almost two years the zoning boards have had the document, Dawn has checked in with village and town officials to see the status of the document. In some cases it is unclear what that status is. Dawn, Jan and Donna will continue to seek that information.

Dawn reminded the committee that the Comp Plan 2011 was adopted 4/2011. Comp Plan Committee was charged with finding ways to implement the suggested goals and recommendations from that plan that various focus groups identified as important. In the meantime a three year grant from the CNY Regional Planning Development Board (CNYRPDB) was accepted to have Jeanie Gleisner (CNYRPDB) work with the Comp Plan Committee with the zoning issues our community has identified as changes needed and other issues that arose since the Comp Plan was created. When that was complete, it goes to the zoning and planning boards for their input. If no changes from those boards, the documents go to the village and town boards to accept or change. A SECQR needs to be completed, a public hearing needs to be held, then the boards will vote to accept the updates. It is unclear how to or who will print new Comprehensive Books.

Climate Action Plan: discussion on the value of this earlier work. Shawn cited the value in any work with trails, bridges etc. The International Joint Commission actions on the Lake need to be noted, there has been great damage to properties. Septic blow outs, contaminated wells, etc. Discussion on invasive species, and newer ones such as knotweed and garlic mustard. Jan said the garlic mustard damages maple trees. Bishops' weed and tick attracting barberry also noted. All agreed this document is valuable. Some updates may need to be made with changes that have occurred. All should read it over and make suggestions

What's happening in Pulaski/Richland:

A-Big Lots opening in October.

B-the activity in back of Fat Nancy is only that the land is a lay down area for water project.

C-Jan-Architect is looking at old Kinney block downtown.

D-Shawn-Old Maple Manor on Canning Factory Rd. sold to former local who makes organic dog treats. Also, Old Evergreen nursing home on Jefferson St. to be converted to private home following tax sale.

E-Sales and rehabs: It appears Clark/Thompson House on Lake St. sold. / Upton House on Lake St. sold, buyers used to own Old Mill Fabric, Donna knows them/ Hubbs House on Lake St. being rehabbed, Shawn visited and took photos, has worked with owner on the history and research, Matt Waite wants to re-sell/ Thomas/Agular house begin painted on Lake, looks good; Discussion on Traylor Park and concern that so many trees cut./Old Franklin Home on Price and Jefferson being worked on.

F-South Park—concrete walk going in in front of restroom/storage.

G-People's Bank: Main St. Grant work to be done by Jeff Fowler, owner. End Zone, and Chinese Restaurant on target, as well as Brian Leary's old Vinegar factory (NIMO building)

H-Discussion on Amish buggies damaging roads. The feeble quality of the Town windmill

I-Sidewalks: Jan gave an update on the sidewalk to the High School plans. To finish by 2024. The storage unit facility ahs to build a sidewalk as per their site plan, the school expects to build to their line. The Town and County can do work that will count "in kind" toward the state grant (digging, gravel, etc.). The school expects to build to their property line if possible.

J-Donna Gilson reported they have sold their property on North Jefferson (Old Betts house) Sherry and Paul LaFlamme purchased and want to stay in the Main Street grant.

K-Historic District: Congregational Church and owners of old Sequoia Inn want in. October-November each year will be "open enrollment".

L-Village sign law to be back soon from Secretary of State's office review

M-Comp plan zoning recommendations from town: Dawn has asked John Howland if the town has reviewed. Village Planning Board to review definitions at next meeting. Dawn expressed concern about apathy and disinterest by those who should provide input.

N-Websites—Discussion about the Pulaski and Richland websites. All agreed they are both lacking in appearance and usefulness. The Climate action plan is not on town website.

Some discussion on the plan. Jan brought up the Climate Justice working group. Shawn expressed continued concern about wind farms

Motion to adjourn: Jan Tighe, seconded by Donna Gilson, all in favor, none opposed 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Doyle