

**Village of Pulaski/Town of Richland
Comprehensive Plan Committee
April 1, 2021
Meeting Minutes Zoom Meeting**

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

Jan moved the minutes for the March 4, 2021 meeting, second by Melissa, all in favor, none opposed.

The Town and Village set hearing date for the Comp Plan, Implementing the Town of Richland/Village of Pulaski Comprehensive Plan Updates, April 12th (Village) and 13th (Town). The town has hired Graham Seiter to prepare the SEQRA for this. Graham had some issues with the zoning and wanted to meet with John Howland. Dawn expressed some dismay that this document had not been reviewed by both zoning/planning boards earlier when we had requested it in November 2018. Village representative, Jan Tighe, said a great deal of work has been done on the zoning updates, and Jan said that they are just waiting for the County to return comments. As far as we know John Howland is yet to meet with Dave Turner, County official regarding the town of Richland zoning.

Dawn discussed the plan with Jeannie Gleisner and she was pleased that we were getting to the end. Jeannie expressed that it was very important the subdivision review section needs to be in place soon, time is of the essence. Dawn is going to email Dave Turner directly and ensure that he has the document. Dawn asked Supervisor Krupke if the public hearing on the 13th would be delayed due to SEQR form not completed. Shawn mentioned he thought the public hearing and board vote can go forward with a suggested wording of approved pending approval of the SEQR application.

Dawn addressed conversation with Amanda Mazzoni on Climate Action Plan. Amanda said energy use is recorded in Utility Energy registry. Village is applying for NYS grant Clean Energy Community, through regionally planning, working with Amanda Mazzoni.

The Village is having a public hearing on the NY Stretch Code. That will also be on April 12th• The state has incentivized communities to adopt it by the end of the year with 100 \$5,000 grants. It is slated to be adopted state-wide in 2023. The CEC, Clean Energy Community Program was launched last month and is an Impact Action Grant Program with a point-based component and designation grants. One of the actions is signing on for CDG, Community Designated Generation, which the Village approved at the March meeting.

The Village is eligible to save \$1,700-\$2,000 a year on its utility bill. This plan is open to residents, hopefully community information forums will be coming later this year. Another action item is car chargers. At this time there is considerable grant money from NYSERDA and National Grid to install them. Because the Village of Pulaski and the Town of Richland are

economically distressed, if either community earns \$20,000 in grant money through this program, the state will contribute an additional \$10,000.

Jan has learned the car chargers are a very good deal now, and there are incentives. She has discussed this with Dan Krupke. Discussion of where they could be best located. Village is working with Nate from Green Team, who they worked with on LED lighting.

Shawn suggested to speak with Carl Steele at the Legion as this might be a good opportunity for them to offer a corner of their lot for a community asset, and it might pave a small section of their lot. Jan spoke on her hybrid car experience.

Melissa will inquire about Fulton Company property, particularly the Port St. property. Shawn mentioned Regional Planning had worked with Fulton Company on conceptual drawing for proposed developments there 10 years ago. Jan sees this as a win/win and hopes the town will join in on this.

Amanda said our information we gathered is good info for a narrative, but not well measured when particulars needed such as the street lights that are more measurable. Jan learned decorative LED street lights will soon be more available.

Dawn has left a message with Schoeller to learn about any improvements.

Dawn is hoping to attend the next Economic Task Force Meeting on the 21st to let them know what is going on with the plan and how

There are currently four solar programs in process in the town.

Local Updates: Old Colosse Cheese scheduled for demolition "soon" most utilities disconnected, demolition permit applied for.

Motion to adjourn by Jan, second by Melissa. All in favor, none approved.

Next meeting – Thursday May 6, 2021 Zoom or in person?

Respectfully submitted:
Shawn Doyle
Dawn Holynski
Jan Tighe