

Village of Pulaski/Town of Richland Comprehensive Plan Committee  
January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Excused: Donna Gilson

Dawn opened the Zoom meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Jan Tighe made a motion to approve minutes of the December 6, 2020 meeting and seconded by Robin Phillips, all were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The committee reviewed the last pages (page 32 to the end) of the Pulaski/Richland Climate Action Plan.

There was continued discussion on charging stations, there is one at Bob Johnson Ford (old Caprara) and two in the city of Oswego. The committee is unsure if an additional charging station is warranted at this time.

Solar: Jan reported that the village has added solar to the zoning (ground based).

Discussion about how to reduce the carbon footprint. LED lights, and how to encourage more use of these. Dawn asked committee members about how to educate the public the importance of reducing carbon footprint at their home. The sidewalk to the school is proposed to reduce carbon footprint a minimal amount, this adds us. Concern for the sidewalk grant and whether funds will be available because of state budget cuts due to the pandemic was mentioned- Jan said that this is safe as it was allocated earlier.

Discussion about the wind mill on town property. This does not work well, down most of the time. One on Wheeler property on Rte 3 is smaller and is more economical. Dawn said the turbine at Kens Body Shop in Scriba became rusty a few years after installation. It is becoming quite an eyesore. There is another turbine owned by a farmer on Route 104 outside of Oswego that became inoperable that was only a few years old.

Melissa mentioned National Grid has tips on energy efficiency and on energy audits they do. Jan mentioned Climate Smart communities have benefits. Jan will ask Amanda Mazzoni of CNY Regional Planning and Development what more we can do. She also mentioned that the food pantry did an energy audit and also put a new roof onto the building.

Tree programs: Some discussion on this, Village tried to have a tree committee for a few years. PROP tree planting 4-5 years ago has been beneficial and well noted. Jan has concern about invasive species. Ash borer is in our area and a problem.

Green infrastructure webinar for stormwater mitigation this next week. Jan is going to participate in.

Shawn: We need to get stats for the school, and the "milage added" to the trails and designated walking areas. We need to tell Amanda about these designated and approved areas.

Additions to the community center park recreation assets (trail, playground) Town acquisition of Richland Hamlet Park and the expansion of that (\$80,000 in new equipment)

Shawn brought up that we should take credit for the energy upgrades to the non-profits

1-Half-SHire Historical ---New rubber roof, insulated base in 2018, extensive interior insulation and three new furnaces (2018)

2-Pulaski Historical Society---New roof and insulation in 2018, all windows and doors now replaced with energy efficient ones. All lighting is either LED or fluorescent in the building now (since 2017)

3-Pulaski Community Cupboard 2019( ?) insulation/sealing and an energy audit

4-Rural and Migrant Ministry----new roof going on in spring 2021, attic fully insulated, back wing insulated and 22 new energy efficient windows (8 more to go!) LED or fluorescent

5-Bethel Community Center--insulation/Furnace and windows? – Dawn will check.

6-Pulaski Masons Lodge, replacement windows, insulation and new roof.

Churches: Have any of our churchs done energy upgrades

We need to find out what PACS has done to improve efficiency since January 2016? Tom Jennings. Air locks for security help. Bryan Philips had all lighting inside and out of the PACS bus garage converted to LED in summer 2019. Dawn will contact Mr. Jennings.

We need to learn what industry have done....Fulton Companies, Healthway, Schoeller Co., the fitness center

We need to take credit for windows in Franklin Block/Chinese Restaurant. We need to know if Jeff Fowler has done any upgrades we can count.... (Parkhurst/Peoples Bank block).

A concern our committee had was whether there will be a cost for Amanda Mazzoni's help on revising our Climate Action Plan. It was mentioned that County Legislator, Ed Gilson, is a member of Central NY Regional Planning and Development Board and might be able to get a reduced cost or not cost to the village and town.

Dawn will be attending the Town meeting 5-6pm Tuesday night to discuss our work on Implementing the Village and Town Goals to the Comprehensive Plan.

Town and Village meeting February 11...in person or zoom on Implementing the Village and Town Goals to the Comprehensive Plan.

Jan met with the Village Planning Board last week to review zoning. ZBA and Planning Boards to meet January 18, 6:30 to review zoning on Village side. Dawn said that John Howland needs to meet with Dave Turner on the town side.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 upon motion of Jan Tighe 2nd by Melissa Wadkinson All in favor, none opposed. next meeting February 4th 6pm (zoom if needed).

Respectfully submitted:

Shawn Doyle and Dawn Holyński