

Pulaski/Richland Comprehensive Plan Review Committee  
Climate Smart/Clean Energy Communities  
In-person Meeting May 5, 2022  
6:00 p.m.  
H. Douglas Barclay Court House

Present: Dawn Holynski, Donna Gilson, Jan Tighe, Robin Ford.

Excused: Shawn Doyle, Melissa Wadkinson, Robin Philips

Guests: Shirley Hanley and Carol Quencer

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Dawn Holynski, at 6:00pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting were approved on motion by Jan, and seconded by Robin Ford, all were in favor, none opposed, motion was carried.

**Goal Updates:** Dawn reported that a public hearing was held on April 2022 in the Village of Pulaski to review and speak on the updated goals and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. There were no objections. The Village board will vote on the updates at their May meeting.

The Town board reviewed the updated goals and recommendations that Dave Turner had suggested and approved by the Comp Plan committee. At the next town board meeting in May, Town board will set a date for the public hearing to be held in June. Depending on the outcome of the public hearing, the board will then vote on passage for the updates to the Comp Plan.

**Conceptual Zoning Updates document and Town Zoning Ordinance:** The Town board agreed to hire Frank Pavia, land use attorney from Harris Beach Law Firm, to review and make suggestions on the town ordinance document.

**Conservation Subdivision Design (CSD):** Dawn handed out some examples she received from a seminar she attended years ago (2014) on CSD. These were examples of what developers of housing projects can do within our township now and what CSD development could look like. The committee agreed it is much better to have developers use the CSD model.

Dawn reported she has been in contact with Jeanie Gleisner, CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, regarding her visit to discuss the Conservation Subdivision Design plan and site visit. Dawn has sent Jeanie some potential land parcels to review, from the Oswego County Real Property website, and Jeanie thought the best option would be to view the Jensen farm on Atkinson Rd. The landowners agreed for a small group to walk the property to visualize what current developers could do with a piece of property like theirs and what a conservation design would look like.

Jeanie believes a small group of 5 or 6 people would be best for the site visit. Since the parcel of land is within the township, it would be best for the majority of the people who have decision making power be in this group; however, a representative from the Village should be involved. Dawn suggested Kern Yerdon (deputy supervisor), John Howland (Town code enforcer officer), Joe McGrath (chairman of the Town planning board), Melissa Wadkinson (chairperson of the Village planning board, engineer at Fulton Companies and Comp Plan committee),

Josh Smith (code enforcement office for the Village) if Melissa cannot attend. Donna Gilson, if Joe McGrath cannot attend. Donna is on the Comp Plan committee, water board and alternate to the Town planning board. Dawn Holynski (chairperson of the Comp Plan committee). Dawn will continue discussion with Jeanie about when this site visit would take place. The first date suggested is Wednesday, May 25. This is subject to change upon availability of people's schedule.

Jan mentioned she thought a CSD would benefit the Village of Pulaski as well. There are a few properties within the Village that if sold, a CSD would be most beneficial to attract future residential owners.

**Climate Smart Communities/Climate Action Plan:**

Dawn reported she emailed Amanda Mazzoni, CNY Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPDB) regarding updating the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and bronze status of the Clean Energy points.

The contract with DEC for grants took longer than she expected and is now ready. The CNYRPDB is in the process of hiring additional personnel to help with updating the plan. Amanda believes it will take another month or two.

Amanda guided Dawn to a website <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Tracking-Progress/Scorecard> This site shows how many points each town, village or city achieved toward their clean energy community goals.

**Other topics:** Jan reported that the Village will host a speaker at their May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:15 pm. The topic will be on forming buying groups for solar power purchases.

Dave Turner, Oswego Co. Community Development, Tourism and Planning (CDTP) office, had given Jan a report prepared by SUNY ESF students regarding the Salmon River Corridor. The report holds much information about the importance of creating and adding to trails along the Salmon River. She shared it with Dawn as a possible extension to our Comprehensive Plan. Since this committee is at the end of an updated Comprehensive Plan stage, more discussion on the Salmon River Corridor topic should take place with all committee members. It will be on the June 2022 agenda.

There was some discussion as to potential businesses within the Village and Town. One of those businesses will be a future one within the Village because of the cannabis law the NYS legislature enacted and the Village board opted in. The license for business owners is obtained through the Office of Cannabis Management. For more information on cannabis, go to <https://cannabis.ny.gov>

The meeting adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Holynski