

Pulaski-Richland Comprehensive Plan
October 6, 2022 Meeting
H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse
6-7:30 pm

Present Dawn Holynski, Melissa Wadkinson, Robin Ford, Jan Tighe, Shawn Doyle, Donna Gilson
Excused: Robin Philips, absent:
Guest: Mike Boccuzzi, CNYRPDB

Dawn called the meeting to order at 6:05; The minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting were approved upon motion by Melissa Wadkinson, seconded by Jan Tighe all in favor, none opposed.

Dawn turned the meeting over to Mike. Committee members had sent their climate action ranking on transportation, energy efficiency, education, waste and natural resources to reduce carbon footprint in the village and township to Mike to tabulate responses. Mike wants to discuss climate action targets and goals. We are starting from a 2019 baseline (most of NYS uses 1990). NYS-wants all buildings carbon neutral by 2050.

Shawn expressed concern about EV and battery technology. We do not have control over lithium supply in the world, the cost of EV, the issues of the grid not being able to support it. There are grid limitations now.

The committee discussed Ideas for public outreach: Mike will send the committee members the survey of questions the Town of Manlius is using to obtain ideas from their community. Manlius is using a digital survey, town wide QR codes and a series of questions, i.e. have you done energy improvements? Any actions you (public) would want added. What priorities do you want the community to focus on? Ultimately a community listening session/meeting. This is more inclusive approach to gain support also. Discussion on a survey: when to do, how to get best response. Melissa mentioned Light Up Pulaski and other venues.

Need for a fact sheet: Mike said these questions were raised in Manlius, and a fact sheet was designed to give to people. Mike will work to construct the questions, so they do not put out a bias. Jan mentioned: we need to target information that is affordable and attainable., tax credits, rebates. Donna agreed and expanded on it some.

Mike wants us to see the obstacles not as such, but as opportunities to see upgrades (our grid and infrastructure). Jan sees this era as a transition similar to move from horse to gas cars. Donna—we are not ready for the EV transition. Jan—we don't have time, we need to do something in next ten years, climate change is real. Shawn cited the need for energy efficiency in homes. Discussion on the placement of electric chargers. Town has been under the impression of an annual \$500 charge on this. Mike will look into this. He is not aware of an annual fee. If not, Shawn said he would host one in Richland if feasible. Dawn suggested an EV station on Rte. 3/Port Ontario location.

Jan talked about heat pumps and how successful they are with the Village.

Mike-by 2035 municipalities must be EV, this really needs to be in as focus of our plan. Having this as a government will serve as a model. Mike mentioned the Bluebird bus company is making EV buses.

Jan said that she sees no difference in her electric bill supplying her hybrid vehicle at home. Jan also mentioned by participating in the Community Solar Program the Village should have annual savings.

Mike discussed community solar programs across the state. Some have “you are automatically in” and must opt out, as opposed to trying to get people to sign in. Shawn asked if public service commission was involved in driving this. Mike said they are leading this more now.

Back to community outreach-are we agreed to move forward? All agreed. Mike will send a draft out for us to tinker with back and forth on email. Mike will send the Manlius survey.

Melissa asked if there would be residency or demographics? Mike responded – residency. Paper copies are a must also. Jan-important to ask rent or own. Facebook, community websites needed to be used as platforms.

Robin asked how do we get “buy in” with the survey when the state is mandating this all.

Discussion returned to EV chargers and how to get them out more. Shawn said instead of the suggestion to not site anymore gas stations we should require EV charges at any future ones. Shawn- can Dave Bottar at regional planning ask Byrne Dairy for us about a charger there. Melissa--Tops would be perfect. Shawn will ask Kathy Allen about it.

Dawn-Julie Peterson, deputy town clerk, passed on an email from Amanda that we had a submission approved! The Town has 2,500 pts., 500 more and we can acquire a \$10,000 grant.

Dawn-Conservation subdivision seminar coming up at Tailwater. November 9th 9:30-4:30 \$30
Dawn urged we attend this. Melissa will be away, Shawn will attend.

Melissa-why doesn't USPS have EV postal vehicles yet? Melissa asked about Air B & B regulation. Mike said his generation finding housing issues, Air B & B is driving up housing prices.

Dawn working on completion of the Comp plan edits.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday November 3, 2022. The meeting was adjourned upon motion by, Melissa, seconded by Robin, all in favor, none opposed carried. Adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted.
Shawn Doyle