

# Pulaski-Richland Comprehensive Plan Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2023

H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse  
Health Department Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Dawn Holynski, Jan Tighe, Donna Gilson, Robin Phillips, Robin Ford, and Melissa Wadkinson

**Guests:** Larry Atkinson, Jackie McLaughlin and Kathleen Mantaro

Dawn Holynski called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made Jan Tighe and seconded by Robin Ford to accept the August 3, 2023 committee minutes. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made by Melissa and seconded by Jan to accept the September 7, 2023 committee minutes. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

There was not a meeting held in October.

**Scoping Document:** Dawn reported that she completed a scoping document for a Clean Energy Communities Campaign and submitted it to NYSERDA. The campaign consists of our group to help educate people in our community the benefits of Clean Heating and Cooling Systems in their homes and businesses. NYSERDA will give us points toward our silver status goal if the Village and/or the Town combined can get at least 5 residents to install heating and cooling equipment into their home or business.

Part of the education process is printing flyers, posters, hold educational meeting, go to various activities, and talk with attendees the benefits of this type of system.

The campaign cannot start unless NYSERDA approves the Village and Town scoping documents. It is in high probability that NYSERDA will approve the document and then we can move forward.

**CSD:** Dawn mentioned the residential development (Harbour Village) on Route 49 outside of Central Square was built by Harville Homes. This development has similarities to the conservation subdivision design this committee is hoping the Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski will adopt.

Dawn's nephew mentioned that he is moving from Clay, NY to Central Square because he likes the landscape design Harville Homes provide. Dawn will call her nephew and/or Harville if they have aerial photos of the development to show the Village and Town Planning and Zoning Boards.

**Fernwood Community Center:** Dawn mentioned that a group of people, herself included, are attempting to obtain the property of the former Methodist Church in Fernwood. The idea is to renovate the property for community activities and events. The Methodist Conference is willing to deed the property over if this group can come up with \$8000 for closing costs. The group is in the process of creating donor letters in hopes to raise enough for those closing costs. Once we receive the deed, we will be able to plan renovations.

**Other:** Jan mentioned that there will be a presentation on November 14 at the Snow Building to discuss and possibly duplicate in Pulaski what the Fulton Block Program group did in their community. They were able to upgrade their homes, some with just a coat of paint and landscaping one block area at a time. It gives people a chance to know your neighbor and relax with a block party after the neighborhood has been spruced up.

Jan also mentioned that she and Dawn went to a Syracuse University sponsored seminar. The Dynamic Sustainability Lab's mission is to serve as a non-partisan partner to industry, government & NGOs on the risks, unintended consequences, and opportunities of the global sustainability transition. The Lab provides a unique applied learning and engagement experiences for the students of Syracuse University. Students explore if there are local government needs to address climate, energy sustainability issues and if SU can provide support. Some of the areas that SU students and mentors explore are: EV transitions, community environmental justice, low energy – low carbon entities, grants, financing and policies.

Jan Tighe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Robin Phillips, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next Meeting December 7, 2023, H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse, Grand Jury Room from 6-7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn Holynski*

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