

Pulaski-Richland Comprehensive Plan Meeting  
September 7, 2023  
H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse 6-7:30 p.m.  
Village of Pulaski/Town of Richland  
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting

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

**Members Absent:** Donna Gilson, Robin Phillips

**Guests:** Larry Atkinson

Dawn Holynski called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**Climate Action Plan (CAP)/Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Clean Energy Communities (CEC):** Dawn reported that Mike Boccuzzi (CNYRPDB) said he was able to print and bind 10 updated CAPs for us. Dawn will pick up at CNYRPDB office.

Mike asked Dawn if she or other committee members wanted to participate in an upcoming event in Watertown on November 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> about our experience in the CSC. No one on the committee is able to attend.

Dawn reminded the committee that we should continue educating the public about things they can do to upgrade their homes or businesses to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions or energy savings. By doing this, the Town and/or Village will earn points toward the next level (silver) to obtain additional grant money toward other projects. Years ago, both Village and Township earned points and upgraded their lighting to LED bulbs with grant money.

Jan mentioned the Village is building a scoping document for heating and cooling campaign. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) needs to approve document before installation is done. Needed are five commitments to install heat pumps in the 13142 zip code area. Jan will contact Amanda Mazonni (CNYRPB) about questions we had regarding how the points earned are divided between the Village and Town because the zip code is in both municipalities.

**DRI and NY Forward grants update:** Jan mentioned that the Village held a public meeting on August 30, 2023 explaining what the grants mean and what projects could be done with the money. She mentioned there were approximately 137 community outreach surveys returned. The top three needs the community suggested were, more things for kids to do, housing and daycare are issues to be addressed. The surveys and public meeting were opportunities for the public to list what they think grant projects should be directed to.

Jan also mentioned that she had sent requests to various committees, businesses, and government officials to ask for a letter of support for obtaining these grants. The letter should include the successes of the Village's other projects and the opportunities through these grants to expand and create other opportunities for the Village and Township. These letters will be included in the final grant application.

**CSD:** It was discussed what type of handouts/information we should gather and present to the Town and Village planning boards for the Conservation Subdivision Design vision we would like seen for our community. Dawn will complete a packet and present to the Comp Plan committee for approval. Then we will set up a date and time to meet with the planning boards.

**Comprehensive Plan:** It was decided that this committee will start reviewing the Plan from page 1 in the January meeting or soon thereafter. Our other obligations of CSC, CEC and CSD are areas to complete first.

A motion was made by Melissa and seconded by Jan to adjourn at 6:55 pm. All were in favor, none opposed.

**Next Meeting:** October 5, 2023, H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse, 6-7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Holynski