

TOWN OF CORINTH
2007 Comprehensive Planning Committee
600 Palmer Avenue
Corinth, NY 12822

Minutes of Meeting
August 29, 2007

Present: Glenn Tearno, Cheri Sullivan, Sher Millis, Diana Jordan, Eric Butler, Mike Valentine, Jim Martin and Greg Morrison

Glenn opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. He advised the committee that we had been invited by Lois Reed to join a seminar being held at the Town Hall on our regular meeting night, September 26th at 6:00 p.m., on the subject of "Storm Water Management and Comprehensive Planning. If the committee did not wish to join we could use the Supervisors office to meet in.

Jim Martin opened the discussion for the survey. We were advised that we should start with existing conditions and resources available (i.e. the maps, existing comprehensive master plan of 1992). With the existing master plan we should decided what is and is not relevant with the plan.

Discussion then started about how much public outreach was needed for the survey. Glen asked what the expectations were on the time frame for the process. Jim Martin advised the committee that late Spring, early summer to compile information. It should be done in two parts. First part in the public outreach is to get information on existing conditions (the survey). After getting community input the second part would be to draft a plan to give the Town Board. There would be two public hearings after that.

Different ideas for getting the survey into the community were discussed. Jim Martin said workgroups of 25 +/- people worked well in some communities. An insert in the Pennysaver, on line at the Town's website, community events were other ideas. Mike Valentine said samples of other community surveys could be obtained to review and modify for our community. The Corinth Fall Festival was a possibility for distribution also. It would be held towards the end of September. All present agreed that we needed an extra September meeting to review sample surveys so September 10th was set for this purpose.

General discussion then took place about committee member's views on existing conditions in the town. We were advised to not get caught up in "zoning issues" when developing the survey. Our focus should be on short-term and long-term goals of the community overall. Cheri stated her concerns that change was happening in all the areas around us and that we were behind in keeping up with preparations for growth. All agreed that change is happening and the purpose of the comprehensive master plan should be to direct and manage the changes in accordance with the expressed wants/needs of the community.

Mike advised the group he would get together existing surveys and have them available for us at the September 10th meeting. The meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

Planning Committee Members

*Glen Tearno, Chairman, Cheri Sullivan, Vice Chairman, Sher Millis, Secretary
Kate Halliday, Dennis Morreale, Diana Jordan, Eric Butler*