

Colden Planning Board Special Meeting

February 22, 2022

Planning Board
Members Present: Walt Kammer (Chairman), Jackie May, Peter Newsom,
George Reinhardt, Cheryl Schenne, and Bobby Walker

Excused: Andrew Gow

Also Present: Tom Dziulko (Fire Inspector & Code– Enf. Officer),
Rachel Chrostowski (WNYLC) Melissa Keller (CPL)
Garry Pietraszek (Councilman) Wendy Salvati (WWS
Planning, AFPP Consultant), Patti Zurbrick (Councilwoman),
and 1 Citizen

The February 22, 2022 Planning Board Special Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Walt. The meeting was virtual-only hosted via GoToMeeting.

Walt turned the meeting over to Wendy to review her presentation by sharing the screen with Wendy. The first item that was reviewed was the draft letter that Wendy prepared for the mailing to the Town of Colden Residents.

Wendy mentioned that the website for the map and survey is posted and can be accessed by the public. Walt asked for the link to be available as long as possible. Peter did have some input regarding the questionnaire and map. Peter mentioned that he tried to add a link to the map but it didn't allow him to do so at the time. Melissa thanked Peter for the feedback. Melissa stated that the system might have lagged but she did review the link and it did update. Melissa will monitor the links submitted to make sure they're relevant to the Town.

Bobby and Peter submitted comments regarding the letter to be mailed. Walt's waiting to hear back from the Town's Supervisor and Attorney before the mass mailing to landowners will be sent out. The discussion of sending out two letters or combining them was reviewed. Walt will check the Planning Board funding to complete the mailing of letters. Justin didn't respond to Walt's email and Melissa will follow up with Justin. Wendy expressed her concern that two letters might be confusing if sent out at the same time. It was suggested that the Comprehensive Plan Update link and/or the QR code to be added to the end of the Ag survey. Melissa will check to see if the link can be added as the survey isn't allowed to be changed or modified once it goes live.

Introduction

Wendy reviewed her report revisions (Rev2) with her changes made in different colors for clarity. The words in red were changes made and the words in blue were words to be omitted. Peter submitted comments and they were received. Walt asked to add a (bullet) to the second page.

Jackie made a correction for page six as there was a typo in the third sentence up from the bottom. There was a review for page eight regarding the language regarding the venue. A few wording changes were suggested by Rachel and noted by Wendy.

Goals and Objectives

Wendy reviewed the comments that were provided in December by the Planning Board Members. Walt mentioned that the "Old Comprehensive Plan" references needs to be changed to "Master Plan" since that is the proper name for the present document; it is not Comprehensive which is part of the problem. The Planning Board Members had a detailed discussion on how to resolve the issue. This was listed on page 2-1. Changes were reviewed for suggested wording to help promote small scale and hobby farming since all of that is considered Ag, regardless of the size of the operation. A few changes were suggested for goal two regarding preserving the resources and to protect resources. The Board Members had a conversation regarding certain storm water concerns and drainage from an environmental perspective. The Board Members discussed encouraging forestry (hard and soft woods) and timber management; once again that is considered an Ag pursuit by NYSDAM. The local farming options for the Town of Colden were discussed and Walt provided examples of the variety of farms around the area. Walt made suggestions for section 3-5 and Wendy will update the sections.

Wendy asked for additional comments to be emailed to her before the next meeting.

Walt reviewed the upcoming meetings scheduled for the Planning Board. A regular Planning Board meeting will take place on 3/15/22 and a Special Planning Board meeting will be held on 3/22/22. The Special Meeting will be convened for the sole purpose of status updates by CPL regarding the work on the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, and Bobby seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett