

## TOWN OF ROCKLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING #6

Attendees: Robert Eggleton  
Peter Manning  
Russell Budd  
Lisa Lyons  
Peggy Johansen  
Art Riegal  
Harvey Susswein  
Manny Zangers  
Kevin Colpoys  
Shelia Shultz  
Tom Ellison

The sixth Comprehensive Plan Meeting for the Town of Rockland met at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6 PM, led by Robert Eggleton, Town Supervisor and acting Chairman of the Committee.

Chairman Eggleton opened the meeting with a presentation of the meeting minutes from the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was made by Shelia Shultz to approve the minutes and seconded by Peggy Johansen.

Brief updates were given, most of these updates consisted of email correspondence according to Chairman Eggleton.

Peter Manning commented that a draft of the Local Law will be ready by the next Town Board Meeting which will be held on Thursday December 1, 2016 at the Town Hall. It will NOT be adopted yet, only presented. Afterward a Public Hearing will be set, it also needs a county review as well as SEQR. The county has 30 days before a formal vote can be made.

Russell Budd took over the meeting to discuss Cultural, Historical and Recreational resources. He provided a handout of the proposed section using an example from another town plan. Mr. Budd explained that this is a clean, focused format, easy to follow with initial goals, conditions, resources and followed by recommendations. The strategy section is designed to prevent it from being “shelved and forgotten” by having future plans and promoting the community. Photos were discussed and suggested that later they will be added.

It is our intention to get a good handle of the Cultural, Historical and Recreational Resources.

Historical- Discussion followed about the Covered Bridges. If they are not registered but still considered historic, they should be noted in the bibliography that there are books in print that cover these historic locations which also include churches and cemeteries.

Cultural- These resources include annual events such as the Trout Parade and the Ice Carnival, Art Society and the Shandalee Music Festival. Also included will be the famous trout fishing pools

throughout the town. Mr. Budd stated that although some of these events are held on the outskirts of town they are within reach of our community. A suggestion was made to reach out to Sullivan County Historian Joyce Conroy as well as other local historians including Fred Fries and Judy Darbee who are very knowledgeable about our town's history.

Recreational- Fly fishing was emphasized as it is a notable fact that our area is commonly known as "birthplace of fly fishing". Local parks were discussed including Rotary, Riverside and Renaissance Parks. The new trail located above the Orchard Street Cemetery in Livingston Manor will be included as well in this category. Many area parks and campgrounds were mentioned, most of which have a lake or stream as part of the attraction. Some of these include: State Fish Hatchery, Monguap Campground, DeBruce Conservation Camp, Lake Waneta and Crystal Lake. The emphasis of this being a "Gateway to the Catskills" include areas of interest such as Big Pond, Little Pond, Alder Lake and Balsam Mountain.

Other areas of potential recreational use include the Old Airport and the Old Falls Poultry Plant. These areas would need to be cleaned up first.

It was suggested that hand maps would be very useful for our next meeting to be able to envision areas for trails and other activities. Peter Manning will be sending a link of developable areas as well as broadband areas.

New Business and next meeting date were discussed. No meeting will be held in December due to the holidays. Next meetings will be held on January 11, 2017 and January 25, 2017, beginning at 6 PM at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.