

Village of Washingtonville  
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**Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Location: 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, NY**  
**Monday January 9, 2023 at 7:00PM**

Present:

Alma Gonzalez, Andrea Hyman, Carole McCann, Celina Rofer, Donna Jacaruso, George Lanzot, James Casazza, Jennifer Nieves, Trustee Jimmy Kolar, Joanne Wiley, Jodi Connolly, Mayor Joe Bucco, Kathy Stegenga, Trustee Laurisa Sampson, Susan Walski, Tom Devinko, Trustee Valerie Laudato

Mayor Bucco called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bucco went through the introduction of the meeting. The village has established a local law establishing 6-month moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of certain land development applications in the Village of Washingtonville which was filed with the state on December 21, 2022. The village has entered into a contract with a planning consultant, Behan Planning and Design, to lead us in planning "The Village of Washingtonville's First Comprehensive Plan." Kate Schmidt from the Orange County Planning Department will also participate in helping us through this process.

"We are all here in to work in the best interest of the Village of Washingtonville. Mayor Bucco reviewed the content of the packet. The comprehensive plan meeting schedule is on the Village website.

Round table introductions: everyone went around the table and introduce themselves as either Village residents, Village business owners or both.

Mayor Bucco asked everyone for their expectations and goals for the comprehensive plan.

Responses:

- Protect our zoning
- Look at the language of our current zoning and see where it needs to be applied
- Establish a vision for how we want Washingtonville to be
- Maintain character of the Village
- Get a system in place for all civic groups to communicate and collaborate together.

Suggestions were made to review books at the Moffat and Newburgh libraries for history references on the village and area.

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Rose Workman and James Casazza are great resources for history of the Village of Washingtonville. Bill Standish has information to share from Linda. Ask Matt from the library to join the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Question was asked if we want to do a historic overlay district and/or a historic district which would require rules to maintain certain integrity.

We looked at the proposed Historic Celebratory District (H-C). This is a proposed map and was never approved. A pdf copy will be distributed to the committee by email.

The Village Planner John Behan will be at the next meeting on Wednesday January 18, 2023 . Kate Schmidt from Orange County Planning will hopefully attend as well.

Trustee Valerie Laudato will get the results of the survey, that was previously sent to Village residents for input in the Village, and condense them to distribute. It is too long to print.

Other comments: We want safe walkability in the Village. Looking forward to the Heritage Trail. We have to decide what is good change vs. bad change. We need to review signage rules in the Village (size, shape, lighting, etc.)

Question asked: does this process involve any preservation of green space, similarly to what the Town of Warwick has in place? Mayor Bucco responded that it would be up to this committee.

We need to have input from the fire district and the ambulance district.

Next Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Village Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54pm.