

Village of Washingtonville
9 Fairlawn Drive
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Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
Meeting Location: 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, NY
Saturday January 28, 2023 at 10:00AM

Present:

Alma Gonzalez, Andrea Hyman, Bob Buchalski, Carole McCann, Celina Rofer, Donna Jacaruso, George Lanzot, Jacqueline Davis, James Casazza, Jennifer Nieves, Jerry Norris, Joanne Wiley, Mayor Joseph Bucco, Patrice Gesner, Susan Walski, Trustee Valerie Laudato, Verdinia Washington

Mayor Bucco called the meeting to order at 10:00am and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Bucco suggested committee chairs but the Village Board will vote at their next meeting. Today we will break into groups to start brainstorming ideas and create a plan within each group to continue to gather information and share at the next meeting. We recapped that last meeting we signed up for groupwork.

B. Buchalski asked if the Village Board has the time for zoning and/or would a sub-committee be better with the Village Board acting as advisory. Donna Jacaruso offered to chair the committee.

G. Lanzot asked for a sample plan.

Mayor Bucco will forward to Celina Rofer to send to the committee via email as it's too large to print multiple copies.

B. Buchalski asked about the meeting schedule for the committee and if the groups should be meeting outside of this one.

Next schedule of meetings will be distributed at the next meeting. Group work should all be done at the comprehensive plan scheduled meetings.

R. Budakowski asked if the zoning was adopted in the past.

Mayor Bucco said no due to covid.

The committee started the group work for about an hour and 15 minutes. Before the meeting ended we got a brief from each group with some bullet points on what was discussed.

Group work synopsis:

1. Community Character

- zoning map to extend the historical area

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- reach out to those who manage the cemetery to learn more historical significance to the Village.
- define Village of Washingtonville character statement
- community center
- collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce

2. Transportation/Land Use/Mobility/Infrastructure

- this group will overlap land use and zoning.
- transportation- alternate route/road to Route 17, ie. Connector to 208 further South to alleviate 94/208 congestion
- better access to Metro North Hudson line
- increase EV charging systems
- improve lighting on roads such as Toleman for vehicular safety

3. Housing/Settlement Patterns/Affordability and Changing Demographics

- housing costs
- walkability and affordability
- preserve open space
- creation of historic district

4. Storm Water Management/Natural Resources/Conservation/Open Space and Recreation

- group divided up their responsibilities
- trails/open space discussed
- each member preparing a report on their topic to work on and share at next meeting

Mayor Bucco will send Celina Rofer information on zoning prior to Covid to forward to the committee via email. We will prepare a calendar for next meetings.

Mayor Bucco shared his appreciation for all that the committee is doing. It's much appreciated.

Next Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 4, 2023 at 10:00AM in the Village Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25am.