

Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes
June 24, 2014 - Enfield Community Building

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PRESENT: Poney Carpenter, Lori Elrod, Judy Hyman, Marnie Kirchgessner, Rhoda Linton, Mary Jo Lovelace, Beth McGee, Becky Sims, Nancy Spero, Dan Walker

ABSENT: Vera Howe-Strait

Beth McGee called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Discussion on what Comprehensive Plan (CP) section to start with:

Land Use section was suggested to start with. History and background in the CP are almost done. Sue Thompson reported she has been working on changes and addition of details for the history section. Recreation use and transportation sections were also suggested.

Land Use and Agriculture sections should be separated. It was suggested an overview of sections could be looked at. Suggested section changes:

- Energy
- Transportation
- Communications
- Agriculture
- Natural Resources Usage
- Community
- Housing
- Municipal Resources – what services are provided for community
 - Facilities could be a subsection of Municipal Resources
- Other Organizations
- Land Use
 - Water Use
- Definitions for terms used in Comprehensive Plan

It was decided to work on the Land Use section of the CP.

- How is the land used – agriculture, recreational use
- Zoning map land use approximate for areas in the town
- List of Land use on map in CP Plan – look at existing land use
- Inventory what land uses are
- Particular land use for an appropriate area
- Recreation opportunities already available
 - State Park, play ground is that meeting needs of community is it a town formed building area
 - People want community center will people support this
 - Reserve area(s) for ball park
- What are the needs for developing – electric, transportation, recreational
- Development pressures what the town has, future development. There is no immediate pressure of development in town. Wind Farm is a possibility.
- Develop format for land use areas.

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- Land Use section will help to develop format for other sections.
 - Description what it is about
 - What it does not include
 - References external showing sources
 - Narrative portion produced by group
 - Story by individuals – actual personal experience help explains where we have been/are going.
 - Narrative/stories – split out from section
- Questions: what happened in past, what worked, agreement and disagreement current situation, goals, how to reach goals, what town can do for goals, challenges/support, encourage/discourage, significant opinions
- Check list: Who, What, Where, When, Why.
- Acknowledge differences of opinions, can be useful
- Action oriented plan – objectives
- Goals – what we want to happen
- Objective to how use goals
- Intersperse community comment
- Key points - List of strengths, weakness, opportunities, threats
- Comments sharing the experience in individual sections
- Glossary would be good – gather terms along the way of writing. Someone should collect the terms as the end of sections
- Recap of past plan and success accomplished
- What process will be identified for stories; will put a human face on issues. Gives people an opportunity to speak in the town.
- Comments in previous survey should be used cautiously. Who is not represented in survey results?
- Review public meeting videos and the stories given.
- Renter info seems low who is represented?
- Comment – did not feel cross section of town residents in survey.
- History of feeling disempowered how do you get them to feel empowered?
- Try to ID some people who are not represented in survey.
- What sort of personal input is needed?
- Fracking information and opinions collected should be put in section.
- Every section draft/outline/goals. Public meeting should be held for each section. Go to individual places – grange, corner store. Direct outreach – include surveys to fill out.
- The purpose of collecting stories is to have the community “buy in” to the CP and move the community forward.

Assigned tasks agreed upon for the July 8, 7:00 PM meeting:

- Develop a list of all land uses you think Enfield residents are engaged in or exist in our town.
- If you feel inclined to do so, please elaborate to include land uses that may be trending outside of our town that could be interesting to explore for our future, land uses that have not been successful here for one reason or another, and land uses residents have rejected due to incompatibility with our needs.

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- For each land use, develop a list of places or ways we can engage and meet residents where they are.
- For each land use, if possible, suggest residents you know who would be valuable to interview and/or asked to come and help with this section. (and other sections as they pertain to a particular land use)
- Develop a list of Strengths/Opportunities – Weaknesses/Threats for Enfield
- Here is a link to the one I shared from Watkins Glen for ideas of how that's structured:
- http://scoped.biz/usr/Documents/Village%20of%20Watkins%20Glen%20Comprehensive%20Plan_Final%20Plan_1-31-13.pdf The SWOT is on page 113 of that doc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Thompson, Recording Secretary