

Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes
October 16, 2014 - Enfield Community Building

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PRESENT: Poney Carpenter, Beth McGee, Becky Sims, Dan Walker

Beth McGee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting 30, 2014.

There was discussion on holding an Agriculture meeting in January with farmers in Enfield. All meetings will be recorded/minutes and results of meetings will be used in CP. The sessions should be 20-30 minute inputs. There was discussion on the different community participation levels – 1. Input, story – opinion. 2. Sit in on actual discussion. 3. Join the group CP Committee – agriculture section.

Sue Thompson will send out agriculture notes from Planning Board session.

Scott Doyle is the contact for questions regarding the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan. It was noted that the summary posters were great and the economic development section is good.

It was noted that in the CP Land Use section Goals 1 and 2 are action plans.

Becky Sims presented her notes for the Land Use Section. (below are the notes sent via e-mail)

- Maintain Enfield's Rural Character
 - encourage farming and homesteading
 - limit high-density development
 - preserve the hamlet
- Maintain a balance between property rights of individual landowners and the community at large.
 - Provide opportunities for concerns to be expressed and resolved without legal action
 - base major land use decisions on community input (e.g. fracking, wind farm)
- Provide adequate public services.
 - Road services suitable for everyday residents
 - Support accessibility to communications services, specifically cell phone and internet access
- Use good planning principles.
- Ensure growth is thoughtfully incorporated into the existing community.
- Preserve and support the agricultural resources of the town.
- Encourage uses that follow sustainability principles.
 - Support renewable energy production
 - Encourage energy efficient home improvements and practices by making resources available to residents
 - Protect water resources with stream buffer zones, aquifer identification, and erosion control/storm water management plans
 - Assist farmers in utilizing incentives to implement environmentally-friendly techniques

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There was discussion on the graphs/chart Becky Sims presented. Becky will combine properties to make an easier graph/chart to read.

Poney Carpenter presented his notes on Land Use section:

- Maintain Enfield's Rural Character
 - Look at heavily scrutinizing all industrial land uses (fracking, wind community.
 - Industrial Agriculture
 - Light industry (economic)
 - Occupation – Housing maintaining living structures. Assurances helping to maintain homes
 - Adequate public services. What is valuable to Enfield residents
- Ensure growth plan – belongs in others sections for action.
- Support agriculture resources – action in Agriculture
- Property rights between individual land owners.
- Better resources for legal issues. What rights are available for land use.
- Rights of a community vs. a landowner. Active discussion about property rights. Community education session – Town attorney comes to answer property right questions (same format as used in “Fracking Sessions” in town).

Beth McGee presented her notes on Land Use section. Beth will send/place notes on Google Drive.

- No comment/additions on rural character
- Adequate center – where is the towns center
- Maintain public highway equipment
- Implement maintain and keep-up-to-date road preservation. Balance truck usage and economic usage of roads. Classify roads on usage of roads. Usage informs where certain areas have or can have economic development.
- Preservation for land use – agricultural grants, development rights, easement on land only used for farming.

Committee Land Use Notes:

- Vacant land to agricultural land. More specifics about agriculture, see agricultural section
- Conservation easements
- Inventory of vacant land – repurpose of land use
- Growth – Economic development – good planning principles
- Set of goals for planning principles. What is the planning level for over- all plan. There are no intent statements in CP – need overall introduction for CP. Guide for future growth. Poney Carpenter will write a high level goal for the CP.
- Beth McGee will place draft of land use section in a folder on the Google Drive. The committee members should submit their changes/additions to

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the document. Becky Sims will provide graphs as discussed on combining categories.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Thompson, Recording Secretary