

Comprehensive Plan Committee
April 20, 2017
Enfield Community Building

Present: Beth McGee, Becky Sims, Nancy Spero, Dan Walker

Beth McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Beth McGee reviewed the March 30 Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) meeting.

Beth McGee asked for comments and suggestions on the CP (March 2017).

Jude Lemke sent an e-mail to Beth McGee addressing the protection of rights of hunters in the town. It was discussed that a respectful balance should be kept between the environment and land use.

It was suggested to add Hunting, Fishing, Snowmobiling, Skiing and ATV to Recreational Assets (page 36).

Sue Thompson suggested a separate objective and goal section for the Enfield Community Council. She would like to see more membership and support from different community groups be applied to the Community Council. Sue Thompson will send her suggestions to Beth McGee. It was suggested that the Community Council could be used to expand more activities in the community since the Town of Enfield provides so much funding for the organization.

Beth McGee asked for suggestions/additions to the Strengths, Opportunities, Weaknesses, Threats table on page 5.

There was discussion on a satellite police station for the town. Would this satellite station be added to the "threats"? It was stated that Newfield has two satellite stations one for the Sheriff and one for the State Police. It was suggested that this Objective/Goal be placed in Public Safety page 13. A Goal could be increasing residents safety. Public Safety/Crime/Drug/Crime statistics for Enfield should be added to this section. It was asked if the Fire Company has training for handling meth labs. No one knew the answer.

Weakness – There are four school districts in the town – Ithaca, Newfield, Trumansburg, Odessa-Montour. Four school districts divide the community into different factions.

It was suggested under Community (page 36) School Districts in the community should be added. A Goal - encourage more community wide events. Three actions are needed – donate time by resident for activities - impromptu and long range planning.

Posting of school playground hours and better signage. Mimi Mehaffey sent a suggestion on the school districts to Beth McGee which will be included in the school section. Everyone was asked to come to the next meeting with suggestions for Goals and Actions for School Districts.

It was decided to change the Economic Development to Economy and Community (page 35).

Discussion:

Would like to see the Firemen's Carnival operating again. Some of the reasons the Carnival ended were lack of help, lost of site, and liability. Suggested that other events could be held on the municipal property by the town highway facility.

Community Day was held at the Baptist Church last year. The group felt they needed to advertise the event more. Corn Hole competition was suggested as a good event to hold.

Beth McGee will write a document of all the proposed changes for the next meeting.

Attendees and committee members divided into groups to go over the Weaknesses and Threats in each section. Each group looked at if the Goals and Actions provide solutions?

- History – funding and help to preservation buildings in the town. Barn preservation. Preservation of buildings can be found in Housing page 33, Goal 1. Combine Goals 1 and 2 or add action item under Goal 1.
- Municipal Services – expand on Goal 6 (page 16) Improve access to outdoor community area.
- Housing - Dangerous roads? Roads can be found in Built Environment (page 30). Wells and Sewers – education on how to take care of wells and sewers properly. Land Use - Good Planning can be found on page 25. Replace the word “Continue” with “Implement” under Goal 4 Action 1 page 25.
- Municipal Services
 - Needs for use of municipal property near highway facility.
 - Educational use of – gardening, orchards
 - Farmers market
 - Recreational usage
 - Multi-usage benefit community
 - Expand the town center from Enfield Center to the municipal property.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2017 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Recording Clerk, Sue Thompson

(Extra Notes)

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