

TOWN OF LYSANDER
COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

The special meeting of the Comprehensive Land Use Planning Committee was held at the Town of Lysander Town Building, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York, Monday, November 16, 2020 @ at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Corey, Chairman/Planning Board Member; William Lester, Planning Board/Committee Member; Peter Moore, Town Board/Committee Member; Bob Geraci, Town Board/Committee Member; Joe Alberici, Committee Member; David Hafner, Committee Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: MaryAnn Williams, Committee Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Yager, Town Engineer and Karen Rice, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by John Corey, Chairman, at 4:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John Corey stated that he has been a Planning Board member since 2012, the last four years as Chairman.

Peter Moore stated that he is a Town Board Member.

David Hafner stated that he is a retired farmer and lifetime resident of Baldwinsville.

Bob Geraci stated that he retired as Commissioner of Onondaga County Parks, former Director of Beaver Lake, current Town Board member, born and raised in NYC and resident of the Town of Lysander since 1983.

William Lester stated that he is a retired engineer from O'Brien & Gere, former Chairman of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and current member of the Planning Board.

Al Yager stated that is he is the Town Board and Planning Board engineer.

Joe Alberici stated that he is a local builder and developer.

Karen Rice stated that she is the Clerk to Planning, ZBA and Code Enforcement, has been employed by the Town for 32 years and a lifetime resident of Baldwinsville.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Corey prepared the following Mission Statement:

Review the Town of Lysander's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) in order to:

- Verify that the original goals/objectives of the CLUP are still appropriate and valid
- Identify and clarify any sections to ensure the intent of the CLUP is clear
- Identify any areas of the CLUP that may be in conflict with the Town Code and recommend changes.
- Review the Incentive Zone Overlays
- Solar Farms/Power Stations vs the objectives of the CLUP

The Committee is asked to keep an open mind, work as a group to review and fine tune the existing Land Use Plan that was adopted June 8, 2015. At that time the goal was to review the plan within five years.

IDEAS OF ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Solar—The Planning Board has had two applications for solar farms to date. The Town Board will look at future solar farms how they may impact open space and view scapes.

There was some discussion with regard to having solar have its own separate overlay district.

Public Input-does the current committee want to do a public interest survey as was done in preparation of the 2015 CLUP (see page 3 of the Adopted CLUP)

Mr. Moore stated that goal should be to update the plan, not recreate it and asked what the goal was for the first meeting.

Mr. Corey stated that he would like the committee to familiarize yourself with the document, review sections that pertain to your expertise and see what conflicts there may be between the Code and CLUP.

Mr. Lester stated that he would like to see controlled growth...controlled growth improves sewage facilities, roads and infrastructures.

Mr. Geraci stated that he finds no criticism of the CLUP but would like to see a one- or two-page overview. What's so special; what makes it unique, what do we want to see.

Mr. Lester suggested a soils evaluation of land in our agricultural districts.

Mr. Yager stated that solar farms are geared towards Agricultural areas, we should discourage solar in areas of Type A soils.

Karen stated that an atlas of characteristics of the Town was updated for the last amendment; if a soil survey was not done it can be.

There was discussion with regard to farmland protection.

Mr. Yager stated that the implementation of a Farmland Protection Program for the Town should be a separate committee... Greenspace/Farmland Protection. There are grant funding opportunities to preserve the integrity of farmland.

Karen stated that in the past we invited guest speakers for their input, suggestions:

NYS Department of Transportation

Onondaga County Department of Transportation

Onondaga County Health Department

Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection

Baldwinsville Central School District

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Geraci questioned what the anticipated date of the finished document is.

Mr. Corey suggested meeting one or two times a month and to be finished by June 2021.

Karen stated that a recommendation will have to be made by both the Planning and Zoning Boards. That was done at a joint meeting for the 2015 document. It will then go to the Town Board to be forwarded to the Onondaga County Planning Board for their review and recommendation and a Public Hearing scheduled.

It was suggested that as we get closer to that time the Messenger should prepare an article for their paper prior to the scheduling of the Public Hearing.

ADJOURN

The November 16, 2020 special meeting of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Rice, Secretary