



Zoning Update Committee

Meeting Summary

April 25, 2019 - Ossian Town Hall
6:00pm-7:15pm

Attendees

- **Zoning Committee Members:** Tom Depuy, Dwight Knapp, Chris Pero, John Vanheusen, Patrick Jaeger, Louis Patane, Bob Bourgione, David Walker, David Mark
- **Consultants/Support:** Sheila Hess (CC Environment & Planning), Heather Ferrero and Shaun Rooney (Livingston County Planning)

The purpose of the Town of Ossian Zoning Update Committee Meeting was to discuss the results of Workshop #1 – Planning Foundation, review priorities that came out of the breakout sessions, and identify the stakeholder list for the upcoming interviews.

Action Items: The following action items have been identified by the committee

- CC Environment to coordinate interviews of stakeholders with B&L.
- CC Environment to provide draft Planning Foundations Summary for committee review, comment, and finalization to present to the Town Board.
- CC Environment and County Planning to assist Town in exploring the opt out process for solar.
- NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: August to review recommendations and draft update, date/time TBD.

Planning Workshop Results/Priorities: The following list is a prioritized version of the issues and ideas that were explored by the community at the Planning Foundations Workshop.

1. Solar
 - a. Opt out?
 - b. Strong zoning to guide solar projects
 - c. Decommissioning (of solar and other proposed developments)





2. Natural Resource Protection
 - a. Stream buffers
 - b. Erosion and sediment control (see Geneseo example for permits)
 - c. Best management practices (e.g. Timber, local law separate from zoning)
3. Viewshed Protection
 - a. May require separate study but consideration where possible in zoning
4. Road Infrastructure
 - a. Increasingly heavy trucks/traffic, maintenance costs high, roads not built for weight/activity
5. Land Use/Development
 - a. Residential/seasonal use, lot size, subdivision and site plan/guidelines
6. Agribusiness
 - a. Be careful not to zone out options for agribusiness
7. Ecotourism
 - a. Natural resource areas, public lands, agriculture, viewsheds, historic barns/venue for weddings, parties, etc., zone for flexibility of use
8. Specific Zoning Issues (there are more)
 - a. Develop a site plan review process to be strong but flexible in use and clear in limits so that Town vision to protect natural resources, agriculture, view, peace, as it is, is preserved
 - b. Campers, camps, and seasonal cabins – septic, inspection, fees...
 - c. What is grandfathered? What does that mean?
 - d. Nothing parked in front line of house
 - e. Clarify when permits are required
 - f. Clean up burned/abandoned buildings, cars, equipment
 - g. Clarification regarding driveway length
 - h. Strong process and balanced code enforcement

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Stakeholders: The following stakeholders will be interviewed in person, by phone, or electronically by CC Environment and/or B&L staff to inform the zoning recommendations and draft update. Interview results will be summarized and shared with the committee.

1. Town Board (suggested that this interview be scheduled in association with a regular Town Board meeting, in addition, this interview time could include Town Historian, Clark, and Highway Super as they are all present on Town Board meeting days)
2. Code Enforcement/ZBA/Planning – meet with Tom Depuy, Bob Bourgione, and John Vanheusen to review specific code issues.
3. Large landowners: Saunders, Knapp, Swyers, Mark, Sheila V., Wilson (Robert and Chris), Debaradinis
4. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (Mark Gooding and Mike Walsico)
5. Livingston County
 - a. Highway – Don Higgins (also Ossian resident)
 - b. Emerg Serv – Kevin Neidermeir
 - c. Planning – Heather (Angela if she has time)
 - d. Economic Dev – Bill Bacon
6. Neighboring Municipalities
 - a. Dansville/V of Dansville
 - b. Nunda
 - c. West Sparta
 - d. Grove
 - e. Burns
7. Genesee Valley Conservancy
8. Large solo developer

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