

## Village of Rhinebeck Comprehensive Plan Committee – February 17, 2022

Notes from virtual meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Approved 6/16/22

### Core Committee Members Attending

Matt Johnston, Chair	Tim Decker	Elijah Bender	Lisa Fountain
Louis Turpin	Jeff Cotter	John Clarke	
Lydia Slaby, Village Board liaison			

### Other Participants

Jen Breslin	Vanessa Bertozzi	Chris Tavener	Heather Cassano
Deirdre Burns	Donna Warner	Eleanor Pupko	Debi Duke
Ernesto Martynek	Jeff Christensen	Jennifer Drake	Joanne Gelb
Kathleen Evens	Lee Valenti	Lynda C	Linda Manny
Rachel Cavell	Steve Rosenberg	Steve Sansola	Michael Slaby
Joe Gottschalk	Ashley Gamell	John Traver	Scout Breslin
Dylan Tuttle (Dutchess County Planning Dept.)		Sarah Miller (Volunteer Administration)	

### Welcome/Introductions

Matt started the meeting with a proposed agenda and estimated timetable for discussion. Lydia from the Village Board of Trustees introduced herself. She said that the 1993 Village Plan had many good policy recommendations, but it needed to be updated and that this was a chance to come together as a community.

### Break-Out Rooms

The larger group was divided into small virtual rooms for individual introductions centered around three questions: (1) What is your relationship with the Village? (2) Why are you interested in working with the Committee? and (3) What interests or community values can you bring to the group? Some participants had technical problems with black screens, but after a chance for individual discussions, everyone ended up back with the full group.

### Project Overview

Matt introduced himself to everyone. Seven people had already been appointed to the Core Committee and six more were to be approved at the next meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, including three women, a retired teacher, a Spanish-speaker, and a someone with extensive experience in land preservation. There would be a training session for subcommittee work on March 3.

The Committee had agreed on a three-season process, with Spring a time for listening and updating community values, Summer for understanding and integrating what we learned, and Fall for making the draft document. Matt would like to see a final draft ready for public comments and Village Board review by the end of the year.

The Village is working on a Request for Proposals to be sent out in March for a consulting firm to assist in the process. There was no money allocated last year in the budget for a consultant, so the Village Board is reviewing budget options.

## **Subcommittees**

Matt introduced the following possible subcommittees that would investigate specific issues and report back to the Core Committee. Volunteers were asked to raise their hands to be assigned to subcommittees.

1. Public Participation and Community Values
2. Intergovernmental Collaboration, including Utilities and Affordability
3. Housing and Community Character
4. Historic Preservation (separate committee looking at Village Historic District designation)
5. Transportation, including Sidewalks, Streets, Parking, and Outside Dining Options
6. Business Ecosystem and Local Economy, including Retail Center and Walkability
7. Environment and Natural Ecology, including Climate Resiliency
8. Zoning and Land Use
9. Recreation and Tourism
10. Community Facilities, Parks, and Open Space

Vanessa, Village Board member and liaison to the ongoing Natural Resources Inventory project, requested that anyone with good Rhinebeck photos send them to the NRI contact on the Village website.

Matt ended the meeting on schedule at 8:30. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022.