

Town of Niles Comprehensive Plan Committee  
Niles Town Hall, New Hope, NY  
January 16, 2007

Present: Richard Coalson, Caroline Head, Rose Roser, Larry Roser, Kris Scholl, Diana Plue (Cramer), Co-Chair, Ellen Abend, and Kristy LaManche, CNY Regional Planning & Development Board.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Plue at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Scholl brought examples of maps of the Town of Niles based on GIS information that are available through the County Planning Department for the committee to review. These will be helpful in providing a more comprehensive view of the town.

Newsletter article: A draft of the newsletter article was emailed to committee members to review. Ms. LaManche indicated that she had received some comments and suggestions from committee members and made the appropriate changes. The committee approved the article with changes. This article will be included in the annual Town of Niles newsletter which is scheduled to be mailed to all land owners by the end of January.

Update on March Visioning Session: (Saturday, March 24, 2007, 1:00-3:00 PM)

Ms. LaManche will develop a draft of a promotional flyer and email it to committee members for input prior to the next meeting. Each committee member will be asked to distribute the flyers around the town to promote the visioning session and encourage attendance. Also, at the February meeting, Ms. LaManche will bring a draft agenda and outline of her presentation for the visioning session. It was also agreed that Ms. Plue will begin the visioning session with a short background about the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Committee decided to offer refreshments; more on this at the February meeting. It was also noted that the visioning session will be “in place of the regular committee meeting for March”, however, the committee will meet briefly after the session.

Environmental Suitability Analysis: Lisa Meaney who is associated with the CNY Region Planning and Development Board has been working on this for the Town of Niles for the past six months. This study will show where in the community are open (tax) parcels of land that are most susceptible to development and land conservation. The process involves examining these land parcels with GIS maps from an environmental basis.

Getting groups involved: The following are contacts for the groups identified last month: Mid-Lakes United Methodist Church-Caroline Head; New Hope Antiques-Sharon Andrus; OWL-Al Kozlowski or Joe Waseleski; New Hope Mills-Dale Weed; Senior Citizens-Dave/Mary Watkins; Westside Lake Assoc.-(John Behrens); Frozen Ocean-Bill Denman; Fire Departments-Doug Winters (West Niles); Dennis Bell, Jr. (New Hope); Town Clean-Up Days-Al Dougherty. All of these groups should receive promotional flyers for the visioning sessions.

Action:

- Ms. Roser will bring a list of businesses located in the town. It was suggested that they be contacted to see if they would be willing to donate a “prize” for people who fill out the upcoming surveys.
- Ms. LaManche will write a media release promoting the March visioning session for the committee to review prior to it being sent to the local papers. The release will be on Town of Niles letterhead and will be sent to: Post Standard, Moravia Register, Auburn Citizen, Auburn, Moravia, Skaneateles Pennysavers, Skaneateles Journal and Press.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 7:00 PM – Niles Town Hall**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Abend  
Secretary

Note: The Town of Niles has a new email address: [niles@bci.net](mailto:niles@bci.net)