

Town of Tusten
Comp Plan Minutes
December 28, 2021

The Tusten Comprehensive Plan Committee opened at 6:33 pm via the Zoom platform on Monday, December 28. Present were Jane Luchsinger, Mike Farrell, Elaine Giguere, Art Hawker, Ken Baim, Crystal Weston (for a portion of the meeting) and consultant Peter Manning.

The minutes of the December 14 meeting were accepted with the following clarification by Peter Manning under the zoning discussion: "Manning explained that a Build Out Analysis creates a map showing the town as fully developed under current zoning. Other land use strategies discussed included mixed-use zoning, form-based zoning (in contrast to zoning based on separation of uses), and incentive zoning."

The Implementation and Action Plan introduction emphasizes that the Town has overarching responsibility for the plan's implementation. The recommendation that the Town create a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee led to discussion about whether such a committee was necessary given the size of our population. Luchsinger suggested that parts of the plan be designated to members of the town board at the reorganizational meeting on January 5. She will take up the issue with Supervisor Ben Johnson prior to that meeting and investigate other models.

The committee's task was to review the Implementation and Action Plan section previously distributed to the committee by Manning. This last section pulls together all sections of the plan on a grid describing the section names, recommendations, the entities responsible for implementation, and resources that might be available to accomplish them. It also sets priorities and timelines.

The committee made minor corrections and additions to the grid's action plan up to the Community Services and Infrastructure section. Consultant Manning will start drafting the final plan for committee review as his next step. The committee will take up review of the Implementation section's category of Economic Development and Tourism at the next meeting.

Jane Luchsinger will contact Sullivan County Planning's Jennifer Stone to see if there are resources to develop a build out analysis.

Crystal Weston and Manning will work out the language and priorities of the Youth Commission and Youth Recreation Programs.

The committee will try to maintain the 2nd and 4th Monday schedule, with the Town Clerk monitoring conflicts with other committees.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 11 at 5:30 pm.

Mike Farrell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Art Hawker. Adjournment was at 8:25 pm,

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Giguere