

Minutes  
Tusten Comprehensive Plan Committee  
August 10, 2020

The meeting opened on the Zoom internet platform at 6:01 pm. Attending were Jane Luchsinger, Ken Baim, Jim Crowley, Mike Farrell, Elaine Giguere, Art Hawker, Crystal Weston and consultant Peter Manning.

The minutes were accepted with the following correction under "Sewer and Water": The scope of work is estimated to cost \$12 million. The town is seeking grants for approximately \$7.5 million to address the most pressing issues.

Chairperson Luchsinger and consultant Manning reviewed the timing of invoices and paperwork associated with the submission of Part I of the comp plan to the Upper Delaware Council.

The order of business was to review the introductory pages to the plan, which described the methodology, Town history and statistics, housing, employment, and the cultural, historical, recreational natural and environmental resources. The vision statement was agreed upon as presented.

The plan's cover photos were discussed with recommendations that the images should reflect the entire township. Further discussion included creating an Open Space Plan; supporting the Energy Committee and maintaining Tusten's identity as an environmental leader; the importance of the Town's history and role of the historical society; cemeteries; and statistics on population, employment, poverty, income and transportation.

It was agreed that Tusten would review the plan in five years and make adjustments if necessary. Changes would require a public hearing, but a complete overhaul of the plan would not be necessary.

Consultant Manning stated that the new Welcome Center and its potential for collaborative efforts with the National Park Service is a great addition to town. The Welcome Center is located in the Narrowsburg Union, and while it is in private hands, Its focus on providing information about the Upper Delaware River Valley is greatly appreciated as a new resource.

Art Hawker was asked to send the a list of all the cemeteries in the Town of Tusten.

Committee members were encouraged to review the Part I draft in its entirety for accuracy, possible omissions and integrity of the overarching structure (in terms of goals, objectives, recommendations) before the next meeting.

The final meeting for Part I will be held on **Tuesday, August 18** at 6 pm.

Jane Luchsinger moved and Mike Farrell seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Giguere