

Minutes  
Tusten Comprehensive Planning Committee  
January 11, 2021

The meeting opened at 5:45 pm via the Zoom Conference platform.

Attending were: Ken Baim, Mike Farrell, Elaine Giguere, Art Hawker, Ben Johnson, Jane Luchsinger, Crystal Weston and consultant Peter Manning.

Mike Farrell moved to accept the minutes of the December 28 meeting with Art Hawker seconding. All were in favor,

The January 11 agenda items were 1) discussion of review the draft Implementation and Action Plan section and 2) the review of sections that had been updated.

Consultant Manning expressed his desire to complete the draft by the next meeting, January 25, 2021 and asked committee members to expect the draft via email before that date.

Concern about ways in which the plan would stay alive and active once completed and ratified without a separate implementation committee led to discussion and suggestions that included keeping the plan as a permanent Town Board agenda item; assigning it to a Town Board committee chair; setting priorities and objectives and setting a timeline for them; and keeping the possibility of establishing a separate group open.

The section on senior housing led to discussion about developers, development, extended sewer and water, affordability, and questions as to whether "senior housing" was too rigid a concept. Mixed age, affordable housing, and possibly artist housing, might be the better goal, along with developing services to allow seniors to stay in their homes. Luchsinger and Giguere will look into models that include artist housing.

In Other Business, Jane Luchsinger reported that the interim report for the Upper Delaware Council grant was submitted. Consultant Manning spoke about exploring historical documents and plans developed by and relating to the Upper Delaware Council, National Park Service, the National Parks Conservation Association and Sullivan County, among others. Consistencies and similar goals of other agencies' plans help to strengthen our ability to seek funding.

To avoid conflicts with other Town committees that meet monthly, it was decided that meetings would be held on the first Monday at 5:30 and the last Monday at 6:30

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 25 at 6:30.

Mike Farrell moved and Art Hawker seconded a motion to adjourn. Adjournment was at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Giguere