

Minutes
Comp Plan Meeting
Town of Tusten
November 9, 2020

The meeting opened at 6:31 pm on the Zoom electronic platform.

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

The minutes of the October 26 meeting were approved with the clarifying amendments that the Town will cover costs beyond the \$9,000 grant (\$1,000 less than the \$10,000 requested from the Upper Delaware Council) should completion of the plan require it.

Manning expressed concern that the updated zoning codes are not posted on the town's website and requested that they be posted the updated so that the Comprehensive Plan can reference certain Zoning Code sections. Town Clerk Weston agreed to contact the appropriate service for the upload.

Regional Transportation

The general consensus was that public transportation on a daily basis would be limited in Tusten because of our low population. However, a goal would be to work cooperatively with Sullivan County, adjacent municipalities or other partners that are currently, or will be in the future, testing public transportation options to achieve greater coordination. For example, Sullivan County has launched "Move Sullivan," a series of routes that they are testing primarily to get workers to jobs. Medical and shopping transportation is also available through the Office for the Aging. The town's role might be to convene transportation providers; gather specifics about availability; and disseminate that information for its citizens.

There was discussion about 1) finding out about reinstating a former Coach USA service that provided transport to Narrowsburg on Friday evening with a return on Sunday afternoon. With the growth of B&B's and restaurants in town, this service could tap the NYC population for "no car needed" weekends, and relieve tight parking in the business district of Tusten.

After discussion about parking and potential expansion of the Town's current parking it was decided that it would be taken up under the Land Use section.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 14 at 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm