

## Minutes

Town of Tusten Comprehensive Planning Committee

March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Attending: Ken Bain, Jim Crowley, Elaine Giguere, Art Hawker, Jane Luchsinger and consultant Peter Manning.

Guest, Jennifer Claster, the National Park Service (NPS) Community Planning and Land Use Manager, discussed NPS's role in upholding the tenets of the Delaware River Management Plan which requires that towns in the river corridor are in substantial conformance with the plan. The plan was developed to preserve the cultural, ecological, scenic and recreational outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs) of the Upper Delaware River corridor.

Because zoning ordinances are typically adopted in accordance with policies of comprehensive plans, the comprehensive plan plays a critical role in land use management.

The overarching goal is protecting natural resources.

As a guideline for the committee, Jennifer Claster distributed a sample conformance review.

Following Claster's presentation, Ken Baim moved and Jim Crowley seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the February 24th meeting.

Peter Manning updated the group on the survey. All suggested edits were incorporated.

Jane Luchsinger announced that Crystal Weston printed the surveys which were folded and stuffed by the Job Corps students and were ready for mailing.

Elaine Giguere distributed a draft press release encouraging residents' participation. After edits were made, it was decided that it wouldn't be sent until the online version of the survey appeared on the Town of Tusten's website.

The mechanics of data collection, survey costs, and links to the survey were discussed. Ben Johnson will add the survey to the Town of Tusten home page and Peter Manning will contact the county to see if their survey account can be used and whether we can expect data collection assistance.

The next meeting date will be announced after surveys are received and data is recorded.

Committee members were asked, before the next meeting, to think about Tusten's assets and challenges.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm following a motion by Jim Crowley, seconded by Art Hawker.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Giguere