

Minutes
Tusten Comprehensive Plan Committee
June 8, 2020

The meeting opened at 6:05 p.m. on the Zoom platform. Attending were Ken Baim, Mike Farrell, Jane Luchsinger, Ben Johnson, Art Hawker, Elaine Giguere, Crystal Weston and consultant Peter Manning.

Peter Manning pointed out that the minutes of the last two meetings were not officially approved.

Jane Luchsinger moved and Art Hawker seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the May 11 meeting. The minutes were accepted. Mike Farrell moved and Crystal Weston seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27 meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Previously distributed were the additional comments that respondents added to the survey; the agenda; minutes; and the list of requirements to be met for the UDC grant.

Among the topics of the survey's additional comments were: improved internet and cell service; stronger regulations for abandoned buildings; parking; taxes; more recreational and cultural opportunities; jobs; tourism; industrial development; diverse businesses; restrictions on ridgeline development; affordable housing.

The goal of the meeting was to review, discuss and make recommendations to the Historical, Cultural, and Recreation section of the plan drafted by Peter Manning. This is the first of eight topical sections that will be included in the plan. Each section will be augmented with inventory information, summaries of existing conditions, goals, objectives and recommendations.

Considering the newly adopted leash law, Mike Farrell suggested that a dog park be developed. Recreational opportunities discussed were hiking trails and river access for residents; improvements to historic and cultural buildings; events with regional impact such as the Big Eddy Film Festival. Elaine Giguere will send the draft of this section to Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's Executive Director Ariel Shanberg for his review and comments.

Timing for completion of the Comp Plan was discussed. To date, the plan is progressing on schedule and should be ready in time for the Upper Delaware Council's grant review process.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 29 at 6 pm.

Elaine Giguere moved and Mike Farrell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Giguere