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**Town of Shandaken
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
November 13, 2023**

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:04pm; members present

Mary Herrmann	Present
Vivian Welton	Present
Mark Loete	Present
Allen Vella	Present
Kevin VanBlarcum	Present
MJ Reiss	Present
James Amenta	Absent
Leah Perloff	Present
Hilary Smith	Absent
Roy Dignes	Absent
Grace Grant	Present

Others Present: Peter Disclafani – Supervisor

New Business

Chair Herrmann asks Supervisor DiSclafani for any updates regarding the grant. He has not received any information about the grant, we may hear in December.

On November 15th PH2 will host Carl Beard and Kevin Smith to discuss the Rail Trail at the Pine Hill Community Center.

Following responses to the RFP, the Town received three bid proposals. During the Town Board meeting held in October, the Town Board chose LaBella, they are waiting to hear about the grant before hiring the consultant.

Old Business

The committee continues its review of the current plan beginning with Section III Vision and Goals.

Vision and Goals

E. No Edits

F. Ensure that the Town is creating feedback resources for residents on social media and the Towns website. Make sure that information regarding meetings and workshops are readily available to the public. Add a Frequently Asked Questions page to the Towns website. Increase and update the Towns website, digital footprint, and presence online.

IV. Implementation Plan

A. Natural, Historic & Cultural Features and Resources

1. Land Use Plan, Zoning Law, Dev/Site Plan Regulations

The committee feels the implementation plans should give guidance to accomplish goals, not just state the need for changes.

 - a. Zoning Code will be reviewed when the updated Comprehensive Plan is adopted.
 - b. Critical Environmental Areas have been identified, and that is resource is now available. Resource should be added to the updated plan.
 - c. The committee will spend more time reviewing the idea of Design Standard in the future.
 - d. Erosion protection plans are contained in Storm Water Regulations, resource should be added to the updated plan.
 - e. State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) covers everything in this section, resource should be added to the updated plan.
 - f. To implement this section would need to be more specific; define, identify, and create an overlay district to implement the protection of any scenic resources.
 - g. Lighting regulation do exist (Dark Sky Compliance)
 - h. Since the adoption of this plan funding sources have been made available to the Town through AWSMP/SAFARI. Several LFA's have been done. Updated plan should identify what has been done, what will be done in the near future, and what remains to be done.
 - i. No edits
 - j. Updated plan should ensure that existing committees and Boards in the Town have access to GIS data, and are using it when applicable.
2. Regional Natural Features/Resource Protection
 - a. A lot of this work has already been done, AWSMP would be a good resource to identify what has been completed and what still remains to be done.
 - b. Several agencies focus on Fish and Wildlife; they should be added to the updated plans resources.
 - c. Scenic Byway has been established in Shandaken, the committee for which is active.
3. Man-Made Resource Preservation/Restoration
 - a. Updated plan should focus on the creation of design standards that protect historical properties.
 - b. No edits
 - c. Information regarding Historic registries should be added to the Town social media resources.

The committee will continue its review at Section B of the Implementation Plan (IV) during the next meeting.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting made by Mary Herrmann; 2nd by Kevin VanBlarcum; all in favor.

Motion to close the meeting made by Leah Perloff; seconded by Mary Herrmann; all in favor.
Meeting closed at 8:11pm.