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

The first meeting of the Town of Shandaken Comprehensive Plan Committee was called to order at 7:00pm.

Members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee are:

Art Christie	Absent
Joanne Kalb	Absent
Mark Loete	Absent
Allen Vella	Present
Mary Herrmann	Present
MJ Reiss	Absent
James Amenta	Present
Leah Perloff	Absent
Hilary Smith	Present
Grace Grant	Present
Kevin VanBlarcum	Present

Others in attendance: Peter DiSclafani Town Supervisor, Joyce Grant Town Clerk

Members present introduced themselves as follows:

Vivian Welton lives in Phoenicia and is a member of the Planning Board, Kevin VanBlarcum is the Deputy Supervisor, James Amenta is on the Board of Assessment Review and the County Agricultural Protection Board, Mary Herrmann is on the CAC Committee, Grace Grant is the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Allen Vella is on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Hilary Smith is a resident of Shandaken.

The committee appointed Mary Herrmann as the Chair, and Grace Grant as the secretary.

Topics Discussed:

- Current Plan – Mary Herrmann feels the current plan is very ambiguous and hopes the Committee can create a Plan with clearer language. A lot of the information in the “Shandaken Today” section needs updating. James Amenta has already put together a lot of information that can be used to update that information, and will put together a document to share with the committee. Hilary Smith feels that rather than updating the current Plan, we should go through the whole Planning process with public input, creating a New Plan. Vivian Welton feels the committee should review the current plan and update it rather than start from the beginning.
- Public Input – Mary Herrmann says that the last time the Plan was updated they had 4 public hearings for input from the community that were well attended. To aid in community outreach, James Amenta suggests reaching out to existing groups (Fish & Game Assoc, PH2 etc) to get their help in reaching out to the community through their meetings/members. A discussion was had about looking for grants to have a Planner join the committee or assist with Community outreach.
- Survey – A good starting point for the committee will be the creation of a survey to be distributed to the community for their input.
- Zoning – a discussion about the creation of a committee, following the approval of the updated comprehensive plan, to ensure that Zoning Regulations are updated to reflect any changes was had.
- Next Steps – update info in the “Shandaken Today” section, creation of survey questions to review at the next meeting, apply for grants (Greenway Grant) for assistance with Community outreach. Review adjacent Towns Comp Plans and Zoning Codes to see how their regulations may impact our Town.
- A google document will be created so that all the members of the committee can input suggested questions for the survey over the next month to review during the meeting in March.

Kevin VanBlarcum made a motion to adjourn the meeting, James Amenta seconded; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Next meeting will be March 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Grace Grant.