

TOWN OF WHEATFIELD
Comprehensive Planning Implementation Task Force

SUMMARY OF MEETING, December 8, 2016

Called to Order at 6:33pm

In attendance:

K. Frieder	D. Reilly	D. Proefrock
R.W. Muscatello	J. Gargas	A. Gerbec
R. Torcasio	Andrew Reilly	

Excused:

Bill Wagner	Richard Silvaroli	Ed Sturgeon
Justin Higner	Dave Sayles	Robert Cliffe (Supervisor)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:39 p.m.

Approval of October 27, 2016 Meeting Summary:

Art Gerbec

Motion made by R. Torcasio; seconded by D. Proefrock; Motion approved unanimously.

Town Planner Report

Drew Reilly

- NF Blvd Zoning Law & Overlay map changes being completed, then moving the project to the Town Board.
- Conservation Cluster Subdivision law adopted by Town Board.
- Airport Protection plan / Airport Protection overlay adopted by Town Board.
 - Work out a method with Niagara County to ensure similar action for municipalities with properties contiguous to the Niagara Falls International Airport.
- Possibility of imposing Hierarchical Zoning throughout the Town will be addressed after analyzing the already adopted policy for the NF Blvd Overlay.
- Mixed use zoning throughout the Town awaiting final recommendation from the Task Force.
- Additional reporting items will be addressed in the focus group reports which follows below.

Focus Group Leaders Monthly Updates

Community Development

Richard Torcasio

- Winterfest will be held on 1/28/2017. The team is looking for volunteers on event day.
- Discussed improvements to Town website, including rotating banner/photos, a larger calendar and community awareness on the power of the site.
- Will work with Disaster Planning Focus Group on home safety programs. Will also investigate home security and cyber security.
- Town campus ideas currently include solar farm usage.
- Dog park options will also be included in work this year.

Agriculture**Karen Frieder**

- NYS Department of Ag & Markets has received and reviewed the Town's Farm Protection Plan. The Plan was praised by Ag & Markets. They look forward to assisting the group with the actual implementation.
- *Farming activity in R/R districts adopted by the Town Board.*
- Now addressing issues contained in the Town's Agricultural Protection Overlay plan.
- Submitted a proposal to the Niagara University Economic Development Curriculum to study agriculture-related business opportunities within the Wheatfield boundaries.

Business Development**R Torcasio and R Muscatello for Bill Wagner**

- CY 2017 goals previously submitted.
- Summit Park Mall construction expected to begin in the Spring of CY 2017.
- LDC is working with the Mall officials in hopes of developing other opportunities for mutual cooperation.
- Wheatfield's LDC is ready to close on the Jacob 's ladder project.

Disaster Planning**R Muscatello for Richard Silvaroli**

- Future community disaster education programs, to be successful, requires extensive preplanning and community coordination.
- In this regard, all the Task Force focus groups have offered their services to Richard Silvaroli's Disaster Planning Focus Group, recognizing their membership is sparse.

Veterans Memorial**A Gerbec for Ed Sturgeon**

- Confirmed Niagara County legislature's pledge of \$2,000 for use with the processing of the needed 501(c)3 application.
- Construction drawings are completed and awaiting formal cost estimates, per building phase.
- The appointed Fundraiser, has agreed to work on this project.

Greenspace**J Gargas for Justin Higner**

- *Conservation Subdivision law passed by the Town Board.*
- Concentrating on the requirement for more extensive base mapping.
- Researching/studying the possibility of a new "Park" zoning law.

Energy Application**D Reilly for Dave Sayles**

- *Town Board public hearing was held on December 5th relating to the proposed Solar Energy law.* Few public comments were generated.
- Minor changes will be made to clarify wording confusion.
- Congratulation to the Focus Group for their expeditious work on the law.

Adjournment Motion

Motion made by K. Frieder; seconded by D. Proefrock to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Next Meeting Date & Time

Date: **January 26, 2017**
Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm (approximate)
Location: Town Community/Senior Citizen Center

Please plan on attending. Extend an invitation to attend to your Focus Group members.

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Torcasio (edited by R. W. Muscatello).

Important Notice to Focus Group Leaders:

Focus Leaders are reminded to (1) disseminate this meeting summary to their members for information and preparation, and (2) extend an invitation to their members to attend the Task Force meetings.

Distribution:

Town Supervisor	MIS Coordinator	Town Clerk
Town Board Members	ZBA Chair	Town Planner

Thought:

“Good managers don’t look for errors, they look for consistency.” ~ Richard W. Muscatello

