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2004 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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- 1) October 30, 2014 Minutes: review and discuss at next meeting 11/20/14.
- 2) Public Questions: Committee response to Patricia Tuz: mention that public hearings will be at a later time in the evening. The public is welcome to attend committee meetings but may not participate until such time that the public hearings are held.
 - a. Polling: availability of Survey Monkey is confirmed. First determine how to get questions out to the public. Polling could be based upon the revised “Vision” and “Goals” and “Objectives” or particular issues where the committee would benefit from public input. Committee agrees to wait until it has formed some questions and the logistics of advertising the poll have been worked out.
 - b. Draft vision statement is distributed.
- 3) Chapter II: Keep objectives broad in nature; combine and shorten objectives. Actual specific recommendations and table of implementation will be in Chapter V.
 - a. Transportation and Mobility: Safety should be first priority. Broad statement re: *working with DOT to address safety and improve traffic flow at key intersections*. Specific intersections could be addressed in the Planning Area that includes that particular intersection.
 - Deletion of Objective #4 – boulevard on Route 50
 - Traffic on Route 9 near location of Maple Avenue School. By DOT standards, the Route 9 corridor is not even at 50% of capacity. Possible objective: to coordinate with school district to address traffic flow.
 - Discussion of justification of putting an Exit 15A at Jones Road to access Northway (only as a southbound onramp) to ease traffic at Exit 15, Jones Road and Route 50 at some future time. Leave Objective #8 in as goal.
 - Reduce number of objectives: combine #10 and #18; #17 to be deleted; combine #15 & #16. Clarify #13 “off street” and #14 “on street”. Change #9 by deleting “enforcement”. Combine # 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12 to “will conduct studies of town traffic and safety issues as appropriate.”
 - Exit 16 should be included as a new objective. (Reference Exit 16 Linkage Study)
 - b. Recreation: Objective #4 - substitute “Update” for “Prepare”.
 - c. Historical & Cultural Resources: suggestion to combine #'s 4, 7 and 9. Expansion of cultural resources: include Boy Scout Camp. Find standard definition of “historic” in zoning code. Objective #1 substitute “sites” with “properties”.

- d. Utilities: Broaden goal to include “Green Infrastructure.” Under Objectives for *Storm Water Management* update #3. Under *Communications, Electricity and Natural Gas* - encourage use of LED lighting or energy efficient lighting. [Town could engage in energy audit; update standard details with objective of energy efficiency.] Encourage business by lure of fiber optics along I-87 and improve cell tower coverage for Wi-Fi/hi-speed internet use in parts of town where dead zones exist. Mr. Mykins encourages review of Wilton’s cell tower policy..
- e. Community Facilities & Services: reword “Goal” and correct typo (though should be through.) Identify through work already being done that Town is building in “resiliency”. Include fact that a *disaster preparedness plan* is in place and that it could be updated in future. #10 Include as objective: local government [Saratoga County] health agencies working together for disaster preparedness. Refer to Disaster Preparedness Plan. R U Okay program discussed.
- f. Fiscal Concerns and Economic Development: Insert link to Blueprint for Economic Development and Job Growth. Objectives #3 and #4 Insert “Continue to” identify... Objective #8 to be deleted. Saratoga IDA should be referred to in conjunction with SEDC. See Objectives #10, 11, 12, and 13. The phrase “business incubator” in Objective #10 to be replaced/reworded. Objective #5 (perhaps add utilities across Northway - tie in with new bridge at Exit 16.) Add objective like “Continue to direct commercial development and market Exit 16 as an opportunity for enhanced commercial opportunities.” ”Promote infrastructure development that would allow for the expansion of businesses in the Exit 16 Corridor.” Objective # 13: substitute “sustainability” for “profitability”. Continue to promote fiscal responsibility of town government (no town tax) Add as objective or goal.
- g. Town Character: Under Goal: Take “remaining rural” out. Objective #1 use “enhance” rather than promote. Objective #5 end sentence after “land.” Suggest moving “Incorporate more natural open space in project design to Objective #6 and combine #12 with Objective #6. Objective #4: strike “encourage the creation of” and insert “periodic review.”
- h. Open Government: Add something about town website being voted best in NYS. Newsletter discussed. Objective #2: delete “Establish an” and insert “Maintain the”.
- i. Implementation: Objective #1: add “identify funding sources” such as state related grants that are grouped together under the Consolidated Funding Application. (CFA) Available once a year to be submitted to Dept. of State or Environmental Facilities Corp. (Identify potential projects needed in the Town that could be presented to Town Board and list of funding sources - MJ). Objective #2: refer to table in Chap.5 [under “Implementation Priorities”] with regard to assigning responsibility, identified potential funding sources or partners.

November 20th – Assignment. Review Chapter 3 Plan Recommendations and Planning Area Maps.