

**Work Session of the Town Board
Town of Windsor, New York
February 19, 2015 7:00pm
Town of Windsor, Town Hall
124 Main Street, Windsor, NY 13865**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor Carolyn Price, at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL by Clerk:

Supervisor Carolyn Price: Present
Deputy Supervisor William J. McIntyre: Present
Councilman Gary M. Hupman: Present
Councilman Timothy J. Bates: Present
Councilwoman Lesa Hawk-Shuler: Present
Attorney Cheryl Sacco: Present
Code Enforcement Officer Dave Brown: Present
Town Clerk Barbara Rajner Miller: Present
Planning Board Members:
Shelly Johnson-Bennett: Present
Bruce Cameron: Present
Eve Neureuter: Present
Doug Saunders: Present
Bridgett VanNorman: Present
Carleton Gordon: Present
Fran Stone: Absent

Also present were: Stan Scobie, Gail Kumpan and Scott B. Clarke.

Round table introductions – name and title.

Supervisor Price mentioned the items that will be referenced at this meeting: 2006 version of the Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 93 of the Town Code (Zoning), a list of questions coming out of the prior meeting regarding amendment of the Comprehensive Plan, minutes from the 2-4-15 Work Session.

Supervisor Price mentioned that the purpose of this meeting is to amend the 2006 Comprehensive Plan, with regard to energy.

QUESTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2015 WORK SESSION:

1. Q. Have any changes or amendments been made to the Comprehensive Plan since adopted in 9/6/06?
A. No.
2. Q. Compare terminology for six categories of land use on page 33 with Land Use Map on page 70.
A. Page 33 was worded with the thought that the zoning chapter 93 at one point would incorporate these uses in either existing zoning or other zoning designations. Page 33 is like vision for future zoning.
3. Q. What was the intent of commercial, industrial, light industrial? Compare to Chapter 93 Zoning.
A. Our current zoning defines and has industrial zones in it, yet we don't actually have any industrial zones on our zoning map. Tried to address that through the Comprehensive Plan.
4. Q. Is Zoning Districts Map on page 71 current?
A. Page 71 is current zoning, and page 70 is current land use. (Current as of 2006). Not current; Windsor does not have any PUD's.
5. Q. What was the intent of hamlets?
A. Wanted to establish a way for the Town to easily and quickly accommodate future infrastructure needs for areas with smaller lot sizes that were closer together and couldn't accommodate certain requirements (septic, stormwater requirements, etc).
6. Q. Have any conservation areas been designated? Reference: page 57.
A. The Town has no CEA's. The thought was to recognize, in the plan, that we do have some sensitive environmental areas that the Town should actively protect, while opening up the rest of the Town areas (that aren't as sensitive) to other development.
7. Q. What projects have been completed in the Action Plan? Reference: pages 62-64.
A. * Develop Town Subdivision regulations: Yes.
* Revise timber and mining local laws to protect landowners and encourage best management practices for both timber and stone harvesting. The local law should discourage clear cutting and require reclamation plans: Yes, DEC/state.

- * Develop a wind turbine local law requiring site plan review for any wind farms proposed in the Town: No.
- * Revise Town Zoning Ordinance to reflect different zoning districts including hamlet areas and industrial zones as well as protecting natural resources along the Susquehanna River and tributary streams:
- * Review and revise Town road standards and construction requirements: Yes.
- * Develop Right to Farm, Right to Timber and Right to Mine Laws to protect and encourage environmentally conscientious Farming Timbering and Mining practices: No.
- * Develop driveway and Private Road Standards similar to the current road standards: Yes.
- * Develop municipal sewer in the West Windsor area: Yes.
- * Develop a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Town including infrastructure and new all new Town facilities: No.
- * Map all existing public infrastructure including Village water lines, public springs, lines and shutoffs for public septic systems:
- * Create an Economic Development Feasibility Study: No.

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2006 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

- Page 2 - adding a paragraph that would encourage energy development.
- Page 3 - adding the process that was used to amend the plan (adding supporting documentation of the meetings, the community outreach, the survey, the minutes, etc.)
- Page 29 – question of predominant land uses. Should it match the zoning? It got edited, in part, after the prior Town Attorney went through it.
- Page 33 & 70 - Is energy added in land use? Or is a new section on energy added? After discussion, the choice of *energy having its own section* seemed to be the consensus.
- Pages 41-43 – Some language/more explanation added regarding land use and local laws.
- Page 48 – Under Objective 3, adding language that natural gas and oil extraction will be regulated by the State.
- Language developing local law for solar and hydro.
- Page 49 – potential of creating a new goal for energy and objectives with it.
- Page 64 – Regarding Action Plan, to have Review and adopt zoning laws for energy sources.

NEXT STEP:

Options were considered for the doing the updates. Anyone in the group can go through and make an attempt at the amendments. The Planning Board will be working on the amendments, then the big group will meet to review/update.

SETTING DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING:

The big group will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion By: Deputy Supervisor McIntyre

Sec. By: Councilman Bates

To adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Price – AYE

Deputy Supervisor McIntyre - AYE

Councilman Hupman - AYE

Councilman Bates - AYE

Councilwoman Hawk-Shuler - AYE

Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Rajner Miller, Windsor Town Clerk