

## Planning Notes

**Location:** Sharon Springs Town Hall

**Date:** July 16, 2007

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Purpose:** Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting

**Present:** Ray Parsons, Bernadetta Vrooman, Lori Nolfo, Deborah Cross,  
Robert Spohn, Brian Fleury, and Lillian Bruno

**Public:** Sandy and Maureen Lotus

**Absent:** Gene C. and Pam Tishe

**Notes:**

**Discussion regarding Public Review:** After the public meeting the real work begins. Mold the comprehensive plan to match what the public wants, leaving out personal interests and always remember the perspective of the public. If the comprehensive plan represents the Town of Sharon's constituents it is usually easier to adopt. It essentially is a product of the Town of Sharon-where they want to go, how, and what is important.

**Discussion regarding Public Hearing:** There was a preliminary power point presentation that included the following topics:

*Discussion* regarding the meaning of a comprehensive plan- the legal aspects, Town Board's perspective, and introductions

*Discussions* regarding how the comprehensive plan is developed- our meetings, opportunities for public input. Do we have an agreed upon meeting schedule? We will meet on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm., we will present this to the people, present that we are an open board, we would like public input at our meetings and we would like more public hearings.

*Discussion* regarding the S.W.O.T. and compare the public answers to the committees.

*Discussion regarding what happens after the comprehensive plan is developed, how the comprehensive plan is adopted, the board will look at this plan thoroughly.*

**Questions to Brian from Committee members regarding the Power Point presentation:**

Will there be flip-charts? Yes, and we will bring several and possibly enlist more staff in case there is a large turn out of public to the hearing.

How have past public turn-outs been? Depends- Some have been really good and some have been rather small.

Dialogue is going to be directed toward the public; to here what they have to say.

**Discussion regarding packet of information provided:** There are examples of Ledyard and Canaan. These are Towns similar in size to Sharon. Surveys: Examples or surveys to review and examine. Will there be one survey for each resident? Depends on the Committee, there could be for every one with a phone, tax parcel, depends on funding. Is there money left over from Southern Tier East? How much money does the Town have? This will be discussed further in the future.

**Discussion regarding the S.W.O.T. analysis:** Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. We will tally what this board believes to be there number one strengths, weaknesses, etc. At the Public Hearing we will provide the public with three stickers and have they put stickers next to their top three strengths, weaknesses, etc.

**Discussion regarding the Publication of the Public hearing:** Where is the hearing location? Unsure at this point. Date? August 13, 2007 Time? 6:30pm-8:30pm. Bob will pass out posters and flyers throughout the Town and to make sure you reach all areas. Place at the Firehouse, Rotary. The Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency will print flyers and posters for the committee once the location is firmed up. Future Comprehensive Plan information will also be place on the County's webpage for public access. Will the Public Hearing have a slide show of scenes of Sharon? The first workshop will be a data gathering and will not include a slide show. To develop an understanding o this forum.

**Discussion regarding Committee's S.W.O.T Analysis:** The committee reviewed the S.W.O.T. analysis and added more to the categories and they discussed why they felt these new ideas were important. The committee was then asked to prioritize each section and then our office will tally and find out if the committee's results will be similar to the public's, if not they need to work to achieve thee public's goals. The Comprehensive Plan should reflect the Public

**Next Meeting: August 13, 2007 at 6: oopm for Public Hearing**