

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes 8/22/24

Meeting starts: 6:30pm. Minutes taken by Rich Azoff

Members present: Josepha Gutelius, Rich Azoff, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Lauren Marcello Ruberg, Susan Weeks

Also present: Adriana Beltrani, Leeanne Thornton

Absent: Carole Ann Mayone, Aden Hughes,

Accept minutes from July, 2024.

Town Board Report:

- The CPC budget was discussed. Leeanne proposed to maintain our budget of \$12,000 into the new budget year. In particular, we will be reviewing the Town of Saugerties Comprehensive Plan, a large undertaking potentially involving large printing costs and additional consultant time.
- Winston Farm: as has been reported in the news, the owners of Winston Farm presented a DGEIS to the TB at the latest TB meeting. From the date of that presentation, there is now a timeline that involves TB comments/questions, community presentations and comment, revisions etc.

Business

1. There was a discussion of housing issues in general. These issues are region-wide, nation-wide and even world-wide. What can the Town of Saugerties do to ameliorate the negative effects of the housing crisis?
2. Discussion of the state pro-housing initiative. Nothing was resolved in this regard, but we decided to review the documents and discuss at next month's meeting.
3. There was a discussion of STRs. Apparently no fines are being levied on STR operators who have not registered. A suggestion was made that a timetable be created whereby all registered STR operators are "grandfathered" in and subsequently, all new STRs

must be owner occupied. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.

4. The Community Preservation Act will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Minutes respectfully submitted: Richard Azoff