

# Saugerties Comprehensive Planning Committee

Jan. 24, 2013

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Members present: Pat Fitzsimmons chair, Susan Weeks, Carmen Gramolia, Josepha Gutelius, Barry Benepe, Bob & Samantha Dederick, Steve Hubbard, & Leeanne Thornton, liaison to the Town Board. Minutes taken by Samantha.

Minutes from Nov. 20, 2012 were accepted as written.

Elect Pat Fitzsimmons as chairman.

Elect Barry Benepe as vice chairman

Elect Naomi Rothberg as secretary

Welcome new member: Steve Hubbard

Quorum for 2013 will be 6 members.

2013 budget is \$5,000

Town news: Public Hearing set for Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7 pm in Senior Center : for the use of extra money from Kings Hwy. Project, (water & sewer) to be used to fix & enhance the Glasco & Malden district's infrastructure. Two police officers have retired.

"Tour de Catskills" will race through Saugerties & up Platte Clove on Aug. 2-4<sup>th</sup>.

Saugerties Junior/ Senior High School has it's new TV studio up & running with help from dedicated volunteers from TV23.

Friends of the Library are holding an auction on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at the library.

Life Spring is holding this year's classes.

Gov. Cuomo wants to include Saugerties stone houses in the state's " Historic Pathways of the Hudson" program. There will not be a concert in July on Winston Farm. The CAC is working on ways to bring Bristol Beach back under town control.

There will be wording in the new Comp Plan to develop a master plan for other state land in Saugerties such as Turkey Point & Bristol Beach.

We still need to set dates for public hearings for Water Resources & the Comp Plan Update, as the Supervisor does not want them on town board nights.

There was a lively discussion about affordable housing, brought on by the approval of a new 55-unit apartment complex on North St. along with tentative requests by other developers to add one or more complexes elsewhere in town. Steve Hubbard & Josepha Gutelius insist that we do not need more units as they both have vacant apartments. Other members were not sure that this was a true (or the only) indicator of our need for affordable housing. Pat made a motion to vote for a moratorium on all new housing projects involving more than 5 units. (2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve)

2 people abstain, 3 vote yes, 3 vote no.

Leeanne will bring this matter to the town board.

Barry Benepe wants to research the possibility of obtaining a \$7,000 grant to deal with design guidelines. The grant is to be awarded by CIRD ( Citizens Institute on Rural Design), & the deadline to apply is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. He asked if the CPC would be willing to act as lead agency in partnership with the "Saugerties Hudson Valley Partnership". It was agreed that we would as long as no matching would be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm