

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Special Meeting No. 16
June 4, 2018
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fixell presiding; Trustees: Brown, Butler, Hoyt, McGee, McGovern and Zollo; Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Attorney Silverberg and Village Clerk Booth

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC SESSION AND PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Fixell opened the special meeting to primarily discuss the draft comprehensive plan, which is available on our website, tarrytowngov.com.

Trustee Butler, Member of Tarrytown Connected/Comprehensive Plan, noted that this project began in 2014 with the Tarrytown Station Area Study and then the Tarrytown Economic Development Study. In 2017, Phase II began with the study of the Tarrytown Comprehensive Plan and the Waterfront Area Updated Zoning, which is currently ongoing. Trustee Butler thanked all of the committees, project advisors, volunteers and committee working groups for all of their work with the zoning and comprehensive plan. He also thanked Westchester County for the work and direction of William Brady, the Project Manager. He thanked the entire community for their time and input at the public work sessions. Special thanks were given to Joan Raiselis and David Aukland, co-chairs of this project and for their countless hours of dedicated work toward this project.

David Aukland, member of the Tarrytown Planning Board and the lead for the comprehensive plan effort, stated that this evening is the first opportunity to present to the public the draft copy of the comprehensive plan, following a great number of discussions and public input. The last comprehensive plan was released was in 2007 and there have been many changes to the Village since then. The one major difference between the 2007 plan and the proposed plan will be its expression of policy. The proposed Comprehensive Plan will be the Board's policy of the Village and that it will be a living document, so that policy can be kept current, as things change. The Comprehensive Plan was written with the following goals in mind. 1) To create a community-based roadmap for planning; 2) To synthesize and build on recent planning efforts; 3) To ensure new developments align with policies & objectives; 4) To connect local planning to regional policies and goals; 5) To develop implementable recommendations that reflect community input; and 6) To create a dynamic, living document that will remain current over time. The prior planning documents of the Village were the current 2007 Comprehensive Plan, the 2017 Tarrytown Station Area Strategic Plan and then the Tarrytown Connected document which was released in 2016. All are available on our website, tarrytownconnected.com. The comprehensive plan effort has been a tremendous effort by many. He recognized and thanked the Working Group who have worked along with the Project's Consultant Team and the Steering Committee, who took care of all of the outreach. He also recognized and thanked the Project's Advisors for their insights, Ed Burroughs, the former Westchester County Planning Commissioner, John Nolan, a Professor at Pace Law School and Linda Viertel, who did a lot of work on the waterfront development.

Justine Shapiro-Kline, Planner & Designer with W X Y Studio, stated that she has been working along with the Consultant Team for approximately one year on the Village's Comprehensive Plan process. The planning process has two sides, the Consulting Team and the Working Group, with the Steering Committee in the background and then the public facing process. The team started last summer with an existing conditions research, doing a lot of mapping and analysis. In the fall, they developed draft goals that were presented at a series of public workshops. In the winter, the goals and policies were refined with the working group and here we are on June 4th releasing the draft comprehensive plan. This is the beginning of the period for public review for the draft plan. We will be welcoming public comment over the next two months on the draft comprehensive plan and

we will be making revisions to the plan until late this summer for the Board of Trustees' review prior to adoption and the environmental review process. A revised Comprehensive Plan will be published on the Village website in September and then there will be another public review through October. There has been an incredible amount of engagements with the public in the process. We are anticipating that public hearings may take place this October. The structure of the plan is based on 6 planning themes, economy; mobility; built environment; community, culture and education; natural environmental and open space and sustainability and resiliency. The draft Comprehensive Plan outline is 1. Vision & Context, 2. Plan Structure & Themes, 3. Goals & Policies 4. Implementation – ongoing management of the Plan as a living document and tracking of proposed actions. 5. Appendix – Proposed actions, responsibilities, tracking, assumptions and dependencies, maps, tables, existing conditions research. There are 21 goals that are associated with specific policies and direction for Village planning: 1. Leverage land use & development to promote sustainable growth. 2. Nurture an attractive & resilient business environment. 3. Develop resources & infrastructure for tourism. 4. Ensure fiscal health & sustainability. 5. Improve local mobility & regional access. 6. Reduce dependence on personal vehicles. 7. Facilitate access & discovery. 8. Connect all parts of the Village. 9. Preserve & enhance historical resources & institutions. 10. Ensure housing stock supports a diverse & multi-generational community. 11. Ensure sustainability of infrastructure. 12. Maintain a Village identity. 13. Grow a local culture of diversity & representation. 14. Support community resources & institutions. 15. Foster access to the arts, culture & education. 16. Protect natural resources: land, water & biodiversity. 17. Connect & enhance open space & recreational resources. 18. Strengthen connections to the Hudson River. 19. Reduce local waste generation & address sources of pollution. 20. Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions & resource consumption. 21. Minimize the local impacts of climate change.

Trustee Butler asked if anyone had any questions on the draft Comprehensive Plan.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ONLY ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. SPEAKERS SHALL HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Anne O'Brien, resident and Chairperson of the Tree Commission, thanked the Comprehensive team for all their efforts to involve the public in the process thus far. She asked how the team plans to get the ordinary resident who is not involved in government to understand the implications of this planning process. Trustee Butler noted that the team has reached out to many different parts of the community and he believes the internet will help reach people as well. Mr. Aukland noted that in addition to having the policies in the comprehensive plan, the team has identified approximately 70 potential actions that the Board of Trustees could adopt. For each one of those actions, the team would make sure that everybody had the chance to get involved and comment on it.

Trustee Brown noted that when the Board of Trustees adopts the new Comprehensive Plan, that will be the only new local law; action on the policies will take place at a later time.

Attorney Silverberg noted that the Comprehensive Plan sets policies that form the framework for future potential actions for review of land use and activities within the Village. It does not create a new law; however, it becomes the policy of the Board of Trustees.

Administrator Slingerland noted that the Comprehensive Plan's policies and framework will be referenced for future site plans and subdivisions or other approvals on land use.

Paul Janos, Meadow Street, asked if he get a copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan on the website. Mayor Fixell noted that it is already on the Village's website, tarrytowngov.com.

Administrator Slingerland noted that if anybody wants to submit a comment on the Comprehensive Plan, they can email comments to connected@tarrytowngov.com and it will go directly to the Comprehensive Plan team.

Monique Kozlowski, member of the Architectural Review Board, thanked the Comprehensive Plan team for all their work. She suggested that the entire Comprehensive Plan can be overwhelming and there are a lot of data points. If there can be a scaled down version with the goals, policies and the creative ways to implement them, she believes that more people may likely participate in the process. She also suggested that hard copies of the draft Comprehensive Plan should be made available at the library.

Trustee Butler noted that if anyone is interested in the history of the Village, it is included in the Appendix of the draft Comprehensive Plan.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT COPY OF THE TARRYTOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby officially request input from the Planning Board to review the draft copy of the Tarrytown Comprehensive Plan.

HOME RULE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NEW YORK STATE BILLS TO EXPAND RESIDENTIAL ON-STREET PARKING FOR ONE BLOCK OF MAIN STREET, BETWEEN WINDLE PARK AND WHITE STREET

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown has received resident inquiries and complaints requesting assistance with the parking situation on the block of the south side of Main Street, between Windle Park and White Street; and

WHEREAS, due to its proximity and short walk to the Tarrytown Train Station, many people park in this short block to avoid the parking permit fees or meter fees at the Tarrytown Train Station, which has been detrimental to the residents who live on Main Street, since their properties do not have driveways or on-site parking available; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Village, and the support and cooperation Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti and Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, and the rest of the New York State Legislature in Albany, the authorizing legislation has been introduced as Assembly Bill A.10961-A and Senate Bill S.8875, to assist the Village with our request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby thank our state representatives Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti and Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins and the rest of the New York State Legislature, and adopts this resolution of support for Assembly Bill A.10961-A and Senate Bill S.8875 to expand Tarrytown's Residential Parking System to include lower Main Street (between Windle Park and White Street); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk and the Village Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to send this resolution of support to our State Representatives in Albany, and to take the necessary and appropriate actions to sign and file the necessary paperwork to convey the Village of Tarrytown's support for the enactment of this legislation.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE CHARITABLE GIFTS RESERVE FUND TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §980-A

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby schedule a Public Hearing on a Local Law for the regular meeting of June 18, 2018, at 8:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building, One Depot Plaza, Tarrytown, New York, to hear and consider a proposed Local Law to amend the Code of the Village of Tarrytown, Chapter 269 entitled "Taxation." The Village of Tarrytown having previously established a charitable gifts reserve fund to receive unrestricted charitable monetary contributions pursuant to general municipal law §6-u, it is the intent of this local law to allow donors to the charitable gifts reserve fund to receive a credit for taxes levied against their real property.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carol A. Booth
Village Clerk