

Town of Waterloo Comprehensive Plan
Steering Committee Meeting 2
April 3, 2014

1. A motion was made by Bob Rodger, seconded by Colby O'Brien to approve the minutes of the March 4th meeting. Passed unanimously.
2. MRB Group distributed to Committee Members a folder containing demographics obtained from the US Census Bureau for later discussion.
3. MRB Group noted that State Statute defines the process of creating a Comprehensive Plan. According to Statute, if the final product is referred to as a plan update, then that implies that anything from the previous Plan that hasn't been addressed still stands. It would be beneficial for Committee to make sure that we refer to this process and the end result as a new Comprehensive Plan. Motion made by Dan Skinner, seconded by John Butlak and passed unanimously.
4. The committee discussed the previous plan as a resource and a good starting point. The Committee must first consider creating a baseline to work from called a Community Assessment. It is an inventory of the resources and assets of the Community. Pat, Connie and Diana are collecting data. Committee discussed the information contained in the old plan.
5. Current demographics were discussed.
6. MRB Group discussed the number of comparisons with other communities contained in the previous plan. Carl stated that at the time of the previous Comprehensive Plan these comparisons were made at the suggestion of the consultants. Diana Smith stated that one of the things needed by them would be "marching orders" from the Steering Committee in terms of what comparative data to include in the Plan. MRB Group will continue to discuss with the committee what types of demographics are helpful to include. For instance, at the time of the previous Plan, the Army Depot was functional and was still a major employer. Today, military data is no longer of high relevance.

7. Committee continued review of the old Plan. The old Plan talked about parcels, total acreage and percentage of use – these figures should be updated. Discussion followed regarding certain focus areas of old Plan. In reference to the 5 & 20 corridor, Jim Cleere and Carl Atimari voiced their concern on the zoning in that area – commercial , residential, mixed use.

8. The Committee discussed Agricultural use as discussed in the old plan. In existing land use, the old plan talks about the patterns of non-farm use having been strongly influenced by the road system.

9. The Committee discussed Route 96 as an underdeveloped strip. There is a concentration of housing in a number of locations along Route 96 where the highway intersects with the local road system. It was suggested to put Mills Road into the category of Burgess, Edwards and Pre-Emption Roads – it could be developed more.

11. Infrastructure Assessment - Pat Nicoletta discussed the water lines and brought a Table of Contents which would be included in the Plan covering 5 & 20, Powderly Road, Reed Street, Mills Road, Route 96. He also brought maps, some of which showed what is currently in existence now. He explained that looking west along Serven Road, Packwood Road and Pre-emption Street those areas are looking to expand for an inter-municipal agreement which is to include Waterloo, Geneva, Phelps and Junius. He also discussed sewer. storm drainage conditions and issues in the town. He stated they would work with NYSEG and try to get information about where the utility service areas are. He will look at areas that can be expanded and developed and how close the utilities are to the infrastructure in those areas whether it be residential, commercial or industrial. Further discussion followed including future development of the railroad.

12. Quality of Life was brought up by MRB Group as important in establishing the baseline for the character of the community. She stated that feedback is needed as to “how you personally define the quality of life in Waterloo?” “What do you value most about this community?” All information received will contribute to what this Committee will have to establish as a definition of the character of the community. An extensive discussion followed with many thoughts brought forth by the Committee.

13. The next meeting date is to be determined. It will be a public information meeting so therefore a larger location is needed. This meeting will inform the public of the process of putting together a Comprehensive Plan. There will be time for questions and answers. The date of May 8th is being considered – the Committee will meet first at 6:00PM followed by the public meeting at 7:00PM.

14. Meeting adjourned by Jim Cleere, Chairman