

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson  
Comprehensive Plan Update & Local Waterfront Revitalization Program  
(CPU & LWRP) Committee  
Regular Meeting - June 8, 2022

MEETING OPENED: 7:30 PM

PLACE: JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER 44 MAIN ST.

PRESENT:

Trustee Drake  
Trustee Fleisig  
Village Manager Murphy  
Natalie Barry  
Richard Bass  
Patrick Diggins  
Meghan Donahue  
Ray Dovell  
Sarah Dupere Ostro  
Dave Gunton  
Samantha Merton  
Chris Thomas  
Meg Walker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Melissa Marsh  
Jim Melnick  
David Skolnick  
Tony Wan

**MINUTES**

Adoption of May Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting by Richard Bass, and seconded by Patrick Diggins. The vote was unanimous.

Selection of Chairperson: Ray Dovell was nominated by Richard Bas to be the Chairperson of the Committee. The nomination was seconded by Meg Walker. Discussion ensued. The question was raised whether one committee should be responsible for both plans. Examples were mentioned and DOS support, was discussed. It was also mentioned that separate committees did not work well on the Village's previous efforts to create a LWRP. Ray Dovell stated he would accept the chairperson nomination if he had support and assistance from committee members. All present promised to support as needed.

A motion was made to approve Ray Dovell as Chairperson by Richard Bass, and seconded by Patrick Diggins. The vote was unanimous.

Volunteer Time: The grant requires the committee to track volunteer hours; members were advised to report their hours to the Village Manager.

Consultant RFP: The Board of Trustees will choose a consultant after reviewing and discussing all RFP submissions. Involvement of the committee will be determined after the proposals are received to avoid any conflicts of interest. Conflicts should be reported to the Village Manager and Committee Chair if they arise.

Code of Conduct: A discussion ensued. It was decided that public comments will take place at the beginning of the meetings and should be no more than 3 minutes per person. However, common sense will prevail and there can be some leeway. The public will appreciate flexibility and community outreach will be inclusive.

A motion was made to adopt the Code of Conduct by Meg Walker, and seconded by Patric Diggins. The vote was unanimous.

Values/Smart Growth Principles: Conversation ensued regarding what values are important to the committee and the public. Meg Walker expressed that equality is an important value. She also thinks we need the participation of those who might be future residents of Hastings.

Other business: Jim Metzger will provide photos if needed to engage the community.

The committee should use 18 months as a target to prepare the plans. The comprehensive plan has parts that are more 'doable' and might be completed quickly. The consultant can focus on more work-intensive parts of the plans as needed.

A suggestion was made to conduct additional outreach and use existing committees to reach out and engage the public.

Mayor Armacost is creating a checklist of the comprehensive plan completed items.

There was discussion on expectations and agenda items for the July meeting. It was recommended committee members review the Comprehensive Plan to identify what they think is most important. There is overlap between the LWRP & Comprehensive Plan and it is important to understand the difference between the two. For the next

meeting, Meg Walker offered to lead a discussion on the current LWRP draft and how expectations of the state have changed.

Comments from Melissa Marsh, Jim Metzger, David Skolnik, and Tony Wan were received throughout the meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Richard Bass and seconded by Meg Donahue. The vote was unanimous.