

**TOWN OF STANFORD
DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING JUNE 9, 2015**

PRESENT:

Mark Burdick
Karen Mosher
Larry McKeough
Gary Lovett
Tom Angell
Duffy Layton
Jeffrey Spiers
Tom Dewhirst

ABSENT: Kathy Zeyher, Richard Bell, James Sansum

Call to order: 7:05 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

The Committee reviewed the minutes of May 26, 2015. Mr. Lovett suggested amendments. Mr. Angell moved and Mr. Layton seconded to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015 as amended. All in favor: Ms. Mosher, Mr. Angell, Mr. Burdick, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Layton, Mr. Spiers, Mr. Dewhirst. Mr. McKeogh abstained. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of May 12, 2015. Mr. Layton suggested amendments. Mr. Angell moved and Mr. Layton seconded to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. County Planning Meeting-

Mr. Burdick announced that he would like the Committee to review the County Planning comments and proposals. He referred to the plan outlined by John Clarke, commenting that he likes the crossroads idea and is envisioning a connection by Noller Way to the Town parking lot. Mr. Layton suggested the Town could swap land with the Library and close off Noller way. Mr. Burdick suggested also getting rid of the road to the Grange, providing access to the Grange from the side. He stated that he is in favor of starting a little town center in that area.

Ms. Mosher commented that she likes the idea of using what's there, but isn't sure about the 5 new buildings that were proposed. Mr. Burdick added that he didn't feel another 5 buildings could be developed without a sewer system. Ms. Mosher commented that other systems may work, where multiple buildings can share multiple septic tanks. Mr. Layton added that shared graywater systems may be an option with the agreement that the Town maintains the system annually.

Mr. Layton stated that he has a problem with the proposed on-street parking. Ms. Mosher commented that she doesn't have a problem with the on-street parking, adding that she has trucks too. Mr. Angell remarked that Rhinebeck has on-street parking on Route 9 with trucks passing through every day.

The Committee discussed the Hilsdale project and the possibility of using the Town ball field as a leach field. The Committee agreed that municipal commitment would be difficult to obtain.

Mr. Burdick asked if the Committee is in favor of proposing this plan, regardless of whether new buildings are included. He noted that Supervisor Norton seemed in favor of the plan and the Library is doing more fundraising and looking to build soon. Mr. Layton commented that he likes the crossroads idea regardless of the five building feasibility. Mr. Layton moved that the Committee ask the Town Board to talk to the Library about moving Noller Way to the south side of the Library to create a crossroads for the start of a new town center. Mr. Angell noted that the Planning Board has given the Library conceptual approval and moving Noller Way will take some engineering. Mr. Angell seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. McKeough commented that he isn't sure that this is the Committee's charge. The Committee agreed that it may not be what they were charged to do, but felt this to be an opportunity. All in favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. McKeough commented that one of the purposes of the plan is to slow traffic down. He explained that in the early 1900s there were white fences throughout the Town. He suggested the Committee consider suggesting putting the fences back in. He noted that who knows when the sidewalks and other elements of the proposed plan would be put in, adding that fences would be a lot cheaper than buildings. Mr. Layton suggested it could be a CDBG opportunity. Mr. Burdick commented that it appeared to be a low fence, adding that he is planning to replace the fence on his property to beautify and for safety of children.

Mr. Layton commented that two of the County's comments should change the scope of how the Committee is thinking; that they plan for no longer than 10 years in the future and they keep the plan to 40-50 page maximum. Mr. Angell commented that their 10 year suggestion is based on the requirement that a comprehensive plan be reviewed every 10 years. He noted that the Town is doing a master plan to avoid that requirement. He suggested the Committee get back to narrowing the scope of what they are looking at before hiring a consultant.

Mr. Angell noted that the Town Board has authorized the Committee to suggest amendments to the draft plan. He inquired whether the Committee wants to modify the existing master plan or work from the proposed draft plan. Mr. Lovett stated he felt the Committee had a clear charge from the Town Board to suggest how to move forward, and doesn't feel the comments reviewed lend toward abandoning the draft plan. Ms. Mosher commented that the Committee needs to go through their list of issues. Mr. Lovett suggested Mr. Burdick put together an agenda of issues to be reviewed. Mr. Burdick agreed to do so.

NEXT MEETING-

The Committee will meet next on June 23rd at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT-

The Committee adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted By: _____

Michelle Turck, Secretary

Approved By: _____

Mark Burdick, Chairman