

Town of Fenner Planning Board Minutes: 6/21/2023

Present: Monica Cody, Andre Schokker, Andy Stone, Sue Yanulis, Andy Bishop

Community Members: Wayne and Laura Emmons, Cindy Gavula, Leon Yanulis, Jessica Geary, Matt Robinson, Andrew Lukowski, Check Seager, Hanna Strack, Tracy Carman, Phil Rose

Andy Stone called meeting to order at 7:12pm.

Discussion of meeting minutes from 5/26/2023:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5/26/2023 by Andre Schokker, seconded by Sue Yanulis. Motion carries.

Preliminary Line Change for Wayne Emmons property: combining lots 77.-2-6 and 77.-2-7

Mr. and Mrs. Emmons would like to make the two lots into a single lot. The entire lot is vacant but there is a well and a manhole for a septic system with two raised bed leach fields. The new lot is confirming with 498.36' of road frontage on Falls Rd.

The entire acreage is 2.683+/1 acres.

Public hearing will be set for July 19th at 7:35pm.

Motion to set the public hearing for Andy Bishop, second by Andy Stone. Motion carries.

Town of Fenner Comprehensive Plan Presentation by Jessica Geary.

Andy Stone opened the public hearing for the Town of Fenner Comprehensive Plan at 7:27PM. The presentation will be provided and attached to the meeting minutes.

Question raised regarding how many meetings there were for the plan. Sue Yanulis responded that there have been several meetings, including a survey. The process started in March of 2022. Sue Yanulis was the chair of the team. They reviewed the existing Fenner Comprehensive Plan, then worked with Jessica and Stephan Luteran (who recently left the County Planning Department) from Madison County Planning Department to determine survey questions. Results were reviewed and used as input into the new plan. There are many appendices in the plan that can be viewed on the town of Fenner website. Tonight is the final public meeting to review the plan, so the plan can be signed off by the town planning board, town board, and finally county planning board then filed with NY State.

Comprehensive plans are intended to be broad but do include action items. Public input was incorporated into the plan based on survey results and public hearing early in the year long process.

There was a question regarding HUD housing being included, but nothing specifically was discussed or addressed in the proposed plan.

There was a question regarding including high traffic areas of concern for traffic safety. There are some specific portions in the plan that inventories areas of traffic opportunity. Jessica will include more specifics in the goals and objectives.

County Farmland Preservation plan was consulted when creating this plan.

A note was made that in Ag Goal #2, in addition to farmers, large land tract property owners should equally be made aware of additional land opportunities. Many landowners are not resident farmers and maintain future control of large tracts of prime soils.

It would be helpful to include a change over time visual historical graphic in the change in land use over time within the plan.

Sue Yanulis will follow-up with Jen Wong to ensure CPF comments are included in the plan.

Each goal breaks down to an objective which should have an agreement or timeline and associated costs identified, as well as prioritized. It would also be helpful to have key stakeholders identified (like if a county road determination lies with the county versus town for actionable steps). Goals were not prioritized in this plan.

Air B&B's should be added as a goal for zoning evaluation, as well as agritourism and mixed-use space opportunities and zones.

The next town board meeting is July 12th. Comments should be included by then for town board review and approval.

Motion to close the public hearing at 8:20PM by Sue Yanulis, second by Andre Schokker. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the Town of Fenner Comprehensive Plan with pending noted changes for presentation to the Town Of Fenner Board by Andre Schokker, second by Andy Bishop. Motion carries.

Motion to close by Sue Yanulis, second by Andre Schokker 8:24PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Cody