

Town of Genoa Comprehensive Planning Committee Meeting

December 13, 2010

Present: David Baidon, Anto Parsieghan, David Stilwell, Dan Thayer

Meeting notes:

The first thing we discussed was the meeting notes from the last two meetings. The group decided that they would prefer to have the final meeting notes be less detailed and more of a summary of major points and action items. The group decided to put off adopting the notes until there was more discussion among the committee members and there was an opportunity to discuss this with Karin. All recognized the hard work that Karin put in to keeping such detailed notes.

Summary of discussion with Jeannie Gleisner:

David Stilwell provided a summary of his discussion with Jeannie Gleisner. Jeannie will be available to start working with the committee near the end of January. She has committed to write our plan for us. She is able to do this using a grant that former Congressman Walsh made available to her organization to support comprehensive planning for communities in central New York. I asked her what the value of her services would be if we had to contract out such work. She said the range would be from \$20,000 to \$60,000. Clearly we are lucky to have such support for our effort.

We discussed next steps. First, it would be helpful for us to provide her with the material we have collected to date. She will review that and then let us know if there is additional information that would be useful for us to find for her at this time. I suggested that once she started writing the committee could be used to help fill in any data gaps as they were identified.

I told her that I read two of the plans she had forwarded to me: Niles and Scipio. She said that she had written them both and that Scipio is probably most like Genoa. I shared with her that other members were also reviewing plans from other towns. She suggested that if we have any questions for her to compile them and send her an email and she would answer them. I closed our discussion by inviting her to come take a tour of Genoa. I volunteered to drive her around the town to give her context for when she started to do her writing. She thought that would be a great idea so we will find a date after the new year to do this.

Next steps:

We discussed the comprehensive plans that those present had read: Lansing, Scipio, Niles, Ulysses, Dryden. We discussed which plans we thought would be good for all team members to read. It was felt that Lansing, Scipio and Ledyard would be the best since they were close by and likely would reflect issues we would be dealing with as a town. We were not sure if Ledyard had finished their plan (I subsequently checked in with the County Planning Department and learned that although they did draft a plan the Town Board did not accept it and it was never finalized). I agreed to find the electronic versions of the plans and provide the links to the committee (forthcoming shortly). We will ask each committee member to read the plans and make note of what they liked and would like to see in our plan and those things they did not feel should be incorporated into our plan. Folks should write down any questions they might have for Jeannie as they read through the plans. We would like to select a plan that most approximates what we would like to see in our plan and suggest that plan as a template for Jeannie to follow.

Topics for next meeting:

We decided that we were not ready to put together an agenda and host a meeting on land use planning for January. We elected to put that off until February. We will take up planning for that meeting in January. It was also suggested that we coordinate closely with the Town Board as we plan this meeting as this topic will likely get a lot of attention.

Respectfully submitted:

David Stilwell

December 20, 2010