

**PUBLIC HEARING
DRAFT STEPHENTOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
OCTOBER 22, 2018**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Lawrence Eckhardt* at **7:05 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Lawrence Eckhardt
(X) Councilman Philip Roder
(X) Councilman William Jennings
(X) Councilman Gerald Robinson
(X) Councilman Pam Kueppers
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar

(X) Highway Superintendent, Alden Goodermote
(X) Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Owen Cassavaugh
(X) Supervisor's Bookkeeper, Maureen Seel

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.

7 from the Public were present

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD & PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Eckhardt: Explains the reason for the meeting, to discuss the Draft Master Plan, it has been put together by the sub committees and Master Planning Committee and is now ready for the final review from the Public and Town Board for approval. First and foremost would like to thank Councilman P.J. Roder for 3 years of work on this.

L. VonDerHeide: Reads/presents the public with a presentation on what the plan brings to the Town. You can submit written Comments to the Town Clerk, (Linda handed over to the Town Clerk some comments that she had received.) This plan is not set in stone this is a guide not to set law or prohibit anything, if the Town chooses to change things they may. Linda continues to go over the Power Point Presentation and makes it clear this is for recommendation NOT law.

L. Eckhardt: received comments from Janet Atwater, and asks her if there was anything specific she would like to address at the meeting?

J. Atwater: narrowing the roads are a concern, in an Agricultural area it is not a good idea to consider narrowing the road, equipment is too large to narrow roads.

L. Eckhardt: board requested a speed limit reduction on the state roads coming through the intersection, had a resolution a couple of months ago, have not heard back.

J. Atwater: concern on inspection prior to renting, if someone has money in their hand I am not waiting for an inspection to let them move in.

O. Cassavaugh: have to take everything into consideration, some situations are different than others.

R. McClave: there are some great landlords and some not so great landlords, to have things inspected to make sure the alarms and everything is running properly. Addresses the need for help in Emergency Services, currently he is the only trained EMT available in town, everything is volunteer it is hard for those who have full time jobs and the training is extensive.

J. Atwater: some things in the plan are outdated.

O. Cassavaugh: the older version had listed an impact and the cost of this plan's impact, has the board considered the cost of this with the budget increases that may be coming?

L. Eckhardt: will have to figure that out when we cross that bridge.

W. Jennings: Local governments spend money anyway, it's better they have a plan prior than not to since government spend money anyway no plan leads to chaos.

L. Eckhardt: the board will continue to take public comments and if there are any changes we will hold another public hearing for further comments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:33 PM

MOTION BY: JENNINGS

SECONDED BY: KUEPPERS

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

****A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, November 19th, 2018** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Wagar

Town Clerk