

**Joint Town/Village of Clayton Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan
January 18, 2017**

There was a joint meeting of the Town of Clayton Town Board and Village of Clayton Board of Trustees for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Joint Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 6 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building.

PRESENT:

David M. Storandt Jr., Town Supervisor
Robert W. Cantwell III, Town Council Member
Mary Zovistoski, Town Council Member
Donna J. Patchen, Town Council Member

Norma Zimmer, Village Mayor
John Buker, Village Trustee
Nancy Hyde, Village Trustee

ABSENT:

Michelle Grybowski, Village Trustee
Anthony Randazzo, Village Trustee

OTHERS:

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk

Community Residents:

Ken Knapp
Donald Lingenfelter
Larry Aubertine
Paul E. Heckmann
Art Cady
Kim Johnston
James Lettiere III
Greg Lago
Jim Kenney

Paul Miller
Ann Aubertine
Matt Bullwinkel
Michael Bourcy
Gayle Cady
Andy Nevin
Erin Lettiere
Sue Magee

Linda L. Brown
Doug Rogers
Blue Logan
Bill Dermandy
Angela Picunas
Mike Geiss
Cindy Grant
Diana Grater

Pledge Of Allegiance: Mayor Norma Zimmer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting at 6 p.m. and asked the Boards to introduce themselves to the public.

Acknowledgement of Comprehensive Committee: Supervisor Storandt introduced the members of the Comprehensive Committee: Jefferson County Interim Planning Director Mike Bourcy, Senior Planner Andy Nevin, Joint T/V of Clayton Planning Chair Doug Rogers, Mike Geiss, Ann Aubertine, Kim Johnston, Ken Knapp, Mayor Norma Zimmer.

Supervisor Storandt gave a brief overview of the beginning of the original Comprehensive Plan through the current 200-page Comprehensive Plan that we are holding the Public Hearing for this evening.

Village Board Acknowledgement of Town as SEQRA Lead Agency: Motion was made by Mayor Norma Zimmer, seconded by Village Trustee Nancy Hyde, to authorize the Town of Clayton to act as the Lead Agency for the Comprehensive Plan and SEQRA. Motion carried.

Andy Nevin, Jefferson County Senior Planner, introduced himself and stated it was exciting and a pleasure to help with this Comprehensive Plan. This document is on-line on the Town website right now and has been for 4-5 weeks. The Committee has included public input to this document from the previous public meeting last summer and the previous public hearing. He enjoyed working with this

Committee grouping and is hoping for success for the passing of the document. Once passed, it doesn't end as you need to periodically review the document and changes in your community and revise to keep it current.

Mayor Zimmer thanked Mr. Nevin and Interim Director Bourcy for their involvement and expertise.

Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen to open the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Those speaking in favor of the Comprehensive Plan included the following:

Cindy Grant acknowledged that she had read the whole 200-page document and thanked the Committee for all their time and efforts in making this an outstanding document. It was truly a document to be proud of.

Greg Lago felt that a lot of planning, time and effort has made a great product to be proud of.

Paul Heckmann felt that it was a good document but felt it was lengthy and wondered if it still should be fine-tuned. Also, how often should a Comprehensive Plan be updated to keep current?

Mr. Nevin stated that was a good point. However, more and more issues kept coming up which forced the Committee to be very fair in their review and contributed to the length. Rule of thumb for updating is anywhere from 5 – 10 years; it depends on the community. You have to look at the growth and circumstances and keep in touch with what is going on in the community.

Mayor Zimmer explained that the Executive Summary is good to look at for a shorter view. She proposed that in one year the committee, or future committee should get together to see where we are. Our point man should be Doug Rogers as he has put a lot of time into this document. If the public sees something, they could also bring it to our attention.

Ken Knapp acknowledged that there is always going to be something that needs to be updated. You might not need to do much at a time or you might need to. Our Community is pretty dynamic and we probably need to look at the Comprehensive Plan more frequently.

Supervisor Storandt stated that a Comprehensive Plan was done in 1966 and then again in 1988. In 1966 Interstate 81 was going to bypass Clayton, completely changing foreseen traffic flows through the village. The Comp Plan needed to be updated with new planning guidance but was not completed for twenty-two years.

Lori Arnot stated that she is totally supportive of the Comprehensive Plan and feels that it is an incredible document.

Councilman Cantwell suggested that the Table of Contents might need to be expanded as we increase the document to help locate certain aspects. He thanked everyone for their time and effort in completing this document.

Supervisor Storandt inquired if there were any other comments; there being none he give a big thank you to the committee and to Mike Bourcy and Andy Nevin both from Jefferson County for their help in securing a great document that we can be proud of. Everyone worked long and hard bringing this document to fruition.

Adjournment of Public Hearing: Motion was made by Councilwoman Donna Patchen, seconded by Councilman Bob Cantwell III, to close the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment of Meeting: Motion was made by Mayor Zimmer, seconded by Trustee John Buker, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk