

Town of Constantia Planning Board

Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Peck opened the public hearing at 6:30pm

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Chair James Peck
- Dave Antos
- Martin Godzwon
- Dan Poné
- Sandra Retajczyk
- Sandra Tuori-Bell
- Sandra Williams

Guests in attendance included: Frank Tomaino (Town Supervisor), Ron Chapman (Town Councilman), Matt Johnson, Paul Baxter, Peg Peck, and several other members of the community.

Comprehensive Plan

Matt Johnson of the Tug Hill Commission explained to the members of the public what a Comprehensive Plan is and how it is used. He discussed the importance of gathering as much public input as possible within a set period of time. The process is meant to determine both good and bad aspects of a town and set goals for improvement. The Comprehensive Plan serves as a guide for the community's priorities, helps in obtaining grant funding, serves as justification in the creation of local laws, among other functions.

Mr. Peck explained that the Planning Board worked with the Town Board and others in updating the 20 year old Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner of Parks and Recreation in Constantia, Erin Zehr, lent her expertise in creating a visually attractive version of the plan available to the public containing all of the same information in the full text version of the plan. Mr. Peck described some of the updated data from the 2020 census which was incorporated into the Plan as well as a brief overview of each section of the Plan. Mr. Johnson assisted with additional descriptions of various aspects of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Peck invited comments from anyone present. Mr. Poné stated that he recommends that people take the time to read the Comprehensive Plan for its interesting content. A member of the public thanked the Planning Board for their efforts and commented on the value of the completed Comprehensive Plan as an information resource.

Adjournment

With no further comments, Mr. Peck closed the public hearing at 7:12pm. Supervisor Tomaino thanked the Planning Board and others present for their work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Amy Connolly

Secretary
Town of Constantia Planning Board

Date of Approval

