

Minutes of the Village of Rhinebeck  
Comprehensive Plan  
Thursday, December 14th, 2023

The December 14th, 2023 meeting was called to order by Matt Johnston at 7:00pm at Village Hall, 76 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY with the following members in attendance:

Matt Johnston, Chair  
Elijah Bender  
John Clarke  
Jeff Cotter  
Eleanor Pupko  
Steve Rosenberg  
Louis Turpin  
John Traver

**Approval of Previous Minutes.** Minutes of the November meeting were approved with corrections by motion of Steve Rosenberg and seconded by John Clarke. The notes of the meeting with Elisabeth Spinzia will be added to the November meeting minutes.

The Tap letter was read aloud for feedback and approval to send. Feedback included changes made to sentences such as “to create an updated” and “is in the process of being created.” Removal of “unanimous support” as not all voting members present.

**Topics for Further Discussion as of 12/14:**

- **Vision Statement:** there was lengthy discussion with some members in favor of including a strong vision statement and some members against. After a discussion where different views were shared about the importance of the plan including a clear vision statement created by the CPC to guide future priorities and decision-making, it was agreed that Matt and Steve would meet to devise an approach for the CPC to use at a future meeting to create a vision statement for the plan.
- One member questioned whether priority of goals or statements in the plan would be implied by sequence. It was agreed that top priorities should be shifted to the top. Lydia pointed out that some of the survey results conflicted with the priorities of those on the committee. For example, historic preservation and stewardship were top priorities identified in the survey by

community members and this is not entirely shared by some members of the Committee.

- One member discussed immediate implementation of statements in the plan and long term goals. They asked for the top four goals to be identified. Identifying 2040 in the plan could limit implementation of the goals.
- One member suggested renaming plan to something catchy, not just an update to the 1993 plan. The title of the plan warrants further discussion.
- Items where consensus is lacking will be discussed at the January meeting.

● **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm and the January meeting was set for 1/11.