

Minutes
Concord Town Plan Steering Committee
June 28, 2022

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Larry Oliverson, Dale Konle, Sally Williams, and Tom Williams present.

1. Larry stated that the meeting had been properly posted.
2. Approval of May 1 Steering Committee meeting minutes – Motion to approve Dale/ Larry, all approved

Approval of June 8 Steering Committee meeting minutes – Motion to approve Dale/ Larry, all approved

Discussion after approval of minutes –

Tom Williams made a point that the town does have a say on solar installations more than 100MW

When we discuss criteria for conditional uses for A-2 zoning – does this matter? The County can approve conditional uses without our approval and without adhering to our criteria. The thought is that there is value in setting the tone for what the town wants. However, setting criteria for A-2 outside the hamlet would not make sense if we are going to prohibit A-2 outside the hamlet.

Question regarding Jason’s recommendation to leave Ixonia and Farmington out of the Intergovernmental Element. They are towns so they cannot annex. Should not be a problem in the next 10 yrs.

3. Approval of minutes from May 4 Public Input meeting – Motion to approve Dale/ Larry, all approved
4. Discussion of Survey - Larry requested a draft of the survey question from Jason for discussion at this meeting. He did not get a response.

Potential wording was discussed. Both Kim and Sally wrote up sample survey questions regarding business development and A-2 zoning outside of the hamlet. It was proposed that the survey begin with a simple overall question such as “Do we want to take land out of agriculture for business purposes?” We could provide a separate sheet with more background information. In the survey and reply options – consider using “business” instead of “A-2” zoning. Sally and Tom do not think the current “lawsuit” brought by a group of citizens over approval of the Brunson rezoning should be part of the question as it has no bearing on whether or not people want business in the town. Dale wants information on the “lawsuit” to be included in the survey. Larry will pass all information and sample survey questions to Jason for further thought as he drafts his survey question.

Questions for Jason - Should we expand the hamlet to include the Brunson barns? Who can initiate an amendment to the town plan? An individual? The town board?

Other survey questions? Jason suggested possibly asking about becoming a village since this idea came up a number of times in the Public Input sessions as a way to avoid annexation. Such a question could help to educate the citizens as to what becoming a village would involve and point out the fact that we currently do not fit the statutory requirements to become a village. Consensus was that since we are not able to become a village, it doesn’t make sense to pursue a survey question about it. No other issues for questions.

5. Set date for discussion of last 4 elements – Sally will work on Transportation and Utilities. Unsure who was assigned the Environmental and Nat Resource Elements. Will set date for preliminary discussion of remaining elements after July 8.
6. Brief discussion of Hamlet Land Use map. Sally thought some of the map was inaccurate.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. by Dale/ Larry

Submitted by Sally Williams