

A regular meeting of the Town/Village of Lima Planning Board was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Lima Town Hall 7329 E Main Street, New York 14485

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Andrew Britton, Members: Chris Harvey, Paul Osborn, Jacob Button, Larry Kramer and Christine Steerman and Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC, Secretary

ABSENT: Chairman Wayne Childs

VISITORS: John Wadach

Vice Chairman Britton, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION #3-2024 APPROVE THE MINUTES DATED JULY 17, 2024

On motion of Member Osborne, second by Member Harvey the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 6 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 CHAIRMAN CHILDS

RESOLVE to approve the minutes of July 17, 2024 as presented by email.

Vote of the Board: Chris Harvey – Aye, Christine Steerman – Aye, Larry Kramer, Aye, Paul Osborne- Aye, Jake Button – Aye, Vice Chairman Andrew Britton - Aye, Chairman Wayne Childs – Absent

DISCUSSION – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TOWN/VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW & UPDATE

Vice Chairman Britton stated Chairman Childs requested that he run tonight's meeting in his absence, and he agreed to do so. He would like to make sure everyone knows what the Comprehensive Plan is and to have each Member share their ideas on areas that they would like to highlight for future discussions. Chairman Childs will attend the next meeting, and we will dig in a little deeper into this project.

Member Osborne reported that this will be his last meeting. He has completed three terms for a total of twelve years. He will be out for surgery for the November meeting and will not be available for three months after the surgery, so this is a good time to end his service. Vice Chairman Britton thanked Member Osborne for his years of dedicated service and that he has enjoyed working with him.

Secretary Sharon M. Knight reported Member Elliott has resigned. If you know of anyone interested in serving on this Board, please go to the Town of Lima website for a volunteer form. Member Jacob Button's term is expiring at the end of the year. He questioned whether the Board would be willing to change the meeting night from the third Wednesday to the second or fourth Wednesday if that fits into the other meeting schedules. There was no decision and tabled for a future meeting.

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Each Board Member was given a chance to share their areas of interest within the Comprehensive Plan for further discussion and they follow:

It took six years to complete the last Comp. Plan. Usually, would take 1 to 1 ½ years. We have a starting block with the 2008 Plan.

Members have completed a review of the entire plan and stated it was very well written.

Another survey would be needed, and it was asked if the last survey (2006/2007) was available. We need to identify a purpose to update and question what does the community want.

Would like to see more business (excluding big businesses), the downtown revitalized, possibly incentives for light industrial businesses and identify use of consultants, maintaining farmland, and open spaces (Tubbs Park).

Need to talk with community to identify needs.

It was asked why we can't we keep businesses here – we have lost another. What business does the community need?

Highlights were identified:

- Jim Kelly, Fanatics Owner, has successful business, including hosting the Crossroads Blue Festival.
- Our Pumpkin Festival is a good thing.
- Many reasons to be proud to live here.
- Christmas is like a Hallmark Community - New Bedford Falls – It's a Wonderful Life.

It was asked if we should update sections rather than entire plan.

Agricultural changes include New York State purchasing development rights from large farms.

Promoting economic and residential development while keeping Lima as it is today.

Online survey, go to events where people are in attendance and use of flyers with QR Codes. Use of Lima Community Page, need for authentication. Vice Chairman Britton will speak to co-workers for suggested survey options.

Add the use of roundabouts, currently not in Comp Plan and not desirable.

Review of wall gated community.

Gather Historical Preservation recommendations.

Desire to explore energy independence:

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Lima Climate Task Force – Village commissioned by Village Board, explore option if grid goes down (micro grids), solar array at Ambulance Base.

Comp Plan does not include street trees grants.

Improvements for seniors: currently we have limited housing, need to maintain full home, review other options, no meal site – must travel to Avon.

We need improved shopping opportunities.

Need to consider use of Accessory dwellings.

Review use of segregated zoning of residential/business.

Complete streets focus on bicycles/pedestrians, We have 6,000 feet of sidewalks in the Village have been added. There are still gaps that need to be completed, push density into the Village

Park Master Plan – Good progress, some accessible play structures for all children. Bathrooms are not accessible and need upgrades.

Climate mitigation - areas of flooding and sewer study

Economic development opportunities – Empire Access - The Village is in the process of creating a Village owned High Speed Fiber Optic to be ready early 2024 and completed for the entire Town by the end of 2025.

Ideas will continue to grow during this process.

Sharon will check with the Town Clerk for the twenty-year-old surveys.

In the current plan: South Lima – save the muck land, use of vacant buildings prior to building new. It was questioned how many buildings are currently empty. Livingston County Economic development has listings of buildings and is very active in our Town.

Livingston County Planning Representative Heather Ferrero will be doing training in Lima on Monday, November 18th and this Planning Board is invited. We are limited to 40 people and so please let me know if you can attend. All would like to attend. It will be opened to other communities.

The meeting adjourned by motion of Member Button and seconded by Member Kramer at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon M. Knight, MMC/RMC, Secretary