

Village of Hastings on Hudson
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meeting #19
September 10th, 2008

Attending: Kathy Sullivan, Richard Bass, Jim Metzger, Ellen Hendrickx, Lynda Merchant, Betsy Imershein, Rebecca Strutton, Harry Thomas and Carolyn Summers.

Absent: Steve Corrigan

Welcome: 8:00 PM

Roll Call: a quorum was present

Approval of Minutes. Minutes for the August meeting will be sent out by email for approval at the October meeting.

8:05 PM Update on RFP

Harry T. reported that the RFP went out to various people and committees in the Village, County and state for their review. The committee will be meeting with Fran Froebel the Village Manager on Thursday. Kathy S. related that there have been a lot of positive comments and she thanked the RFP committee for their work. She hopes the RFP will be available on September 29th for us to look at.

Update on new member:

The new member of the CP Committee to take the place of Bob Mayer who resigned is still not chosen. It may be someone connected with the Planning Board.

Update on High School meeting:

Lynda Merchant reported that the meeting date for John Buchanan's High School Contemporary Politics class meeting will be in September. The date is still to be determined. At the next meeting Lynda will have a report for us. Ellen H., Jim M. and Betsy I. all expressed interest in helping with this meeting.

Jim M. and Ellen H. had to leave the meeting for a short time.

8:15 PM Topics

Members of the CPC were asked to summarize and prioritize the data received so far from the Hunter Student Survey and report and the small and large meetings. These reports will be attached to the minutes.

During a discussion regarding the economic report by Rebecca S. a question came up regarding Certiory claims. Susan Maggiotto explained that taxpayers do files claims with the village and the school district to have their taxes lowered. There are some reason why a tax decrease might be warranted.

- If a resident just bought a house and the assessment represents a higher previous purchase price
- The resident's house has remained unchanged and this resident pays a higher tax than their neighbor.

In a reassessment situation 1/3 of the properties will come out with a higher tax, 1/3 of the properties will have a lower rate and 1/3 of the properties will stay the same. A reassessment would cost the Village a lot of money. One tax problem is Hastings is that there is not a large commercial tax base. Kathy S. asked if multiple family dwellings feed into that commercial base. Susan M. answered yes to this question. Kathy asked about condominiums in particular. Susan M said that condo's are taxed by their rental value as a unit. Susan also mentioned fee simple properties such as River Pointe and Hastings Landings as having different taxes.

Jim M. returned at 8:40 and Ellen returned at 9:10 PM.

Each report should be sent to Lynda M. by email for inclusion in the minutes.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will have an ARCO presentation

9:20 PM No Public Comment

9:25 PM Next Meetings: September 24th, 2008.

9:30 PM Adjournment