

Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting (June 3, 2008)

Minutes for Town of Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting

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The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with 16 citizens including Town Chairman Bill Ingersoll, and Town Supervisors Dave Janquart and Dennis Stair present. A revised version of the Land Use Element was presented. Revisions from a variety of sources including planner Bruce Kaniewski and citizen input had been incorporated into the draft of the element. Lloyd Zastrow read through the draft a paragraph at a time while Sally Williams recorded any citizen input and changes suggested and agreed upon by those present.

Several ideas proposed by Richard Reindeers which generated the most heated discussion were the need for expansion of the hamlet and the need for a public or private sanitary sewer system to accommodate more growth in the hamlet area. Most of those present felt that there was enough developable acreage remaining in the hamlet to accommodate continued slow growth and that if development were properly planned, there would be no need for a sanitary sewer system. Further limiting lot splits as a method of controlling growth was also discussed. The majority of those present felt that this would not be fair to farmers and could only be done with the overwhelming approval of those affected by such a change in policy. Purchase of Development Rights and Conservation Easements were suggested as a possible method of controlling growth and preserving farmland.

A number of issues need to be resolved. Lloyd Zastrow will check on use of the word “districts” in reference to specific county zonings. The amount of developable acreage remaining in the hamlet needs to be determined and incorporated into the plan. The use of the terms “conservation easement” versus “development rights” needs to be clarified.

Sally Williams will incorporate the agreed upon changes into the draft of the Land Use Element. The next meeting will be on July 1. Discussion on the Land Use Element will be completed and The Implementation Element will be discussed.