

Long Island Comprehensive Planning Committee
April 6, 2021
Minutes of the Meeting

Members present: Janice Avignon, Jane Oldfield-Spearman, Nancy Berges, Wes Wolfertz, Erica Papkee, Linda McCann, Dennis McCann, Nathan Johnson, Patti Papkee, Beth Marchak, Matt Purington

The meeting was called to order at 7:02.

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed by Janice via email. If anyone has changes to make, please let Linda know by the end of the week or they will be published as is.

Communications: Linda and Beth have volunteered to handle communications overall. Some went out this week. They will be meeting with Curt Murley to get a tutorial on how to post things to the town website where LICP2035 will have our own page. We will also post updates on the LICA newsletter, through the LICA list serve, on the town report, and through the Town of Long Island Facebook page.

Survey group:

- Jane has been collecting the results of our community conversations and will provide a summary at our next meeting.
- Jane reported that she had an hour-long discussion with the LICA board, and people came prepared and were eager to share their opinions. The top issues mentioned were the need for creating community with young families working and thriving, concern for the environment, and the issue of climate change.
- Wes and Nancy (both fully vaccinated) will attend the next vaccine clinic to continue the community conversations started by Dennis at the March clinic.
- When having conversations with stakeholder groups, we are looking for their opinions as members of that group (eg. Wellness Committee, Fire Dept., etc)
- Please send your info to Jane by Sunday (4/11) so she can compile it and present it to the survey committee next week. This info should give that committee a solid foundation so that they know they are including the right questions/issues on the LICP35 community survey.

Chapter updates:

Population and Demographics: Beth Marchak

- Beth has been looking at the State data. Her takeaway is that there are big gaps that we can fill. Because our population is so small, there will be a large margin of error. Consistency is important. Mark Grene and Lorinda Valls have collected some good data that Beth can build on, but she must be careful to describe the limitations of such data.
- Beth has found that for the last 20 years the state has no data on Long Island housing permits. She is now looking at TOLI annual reports to gather data.
- After comments made at the last meeting about reporting to the state on a regular basis, Beth reached out to Tom Miragliuolo. He told her that we can check in with the state as

needed. They are not looking for regular reports/meetings from us. They also do not anticipate any changes in what is expected of us in terms of our report, so we can proceed as planned.

Economy: Nate Johnson and Matt Purington

- No updates to report at this time.

Housing: Wes Wolfertz

- Wes is in Discovery. He is recording his progress under the discovery tab on Trello as his work is in progress.

Transportation: Peter Dolan

- Peter is not present at the meeting. GPCOG has a group that is interested in writing this chapter for us.

Recreation: Erica Papkee and Dennis/Linda McCann

- A working document has been created which Erica has shared with Linda and Dennis for their input. Erica will fill it in as she meets with the rec board. Erica plans to meet with young people this summer to get their input. Linda will gather information on the adult rec programs.

Marine Resources: Nathan Johnson

- Doing research now.

Agricultural Resources: Still looking for a committee member to lead this chapter

- Alanna has expressed interest in working on the food systems aspect of this chapter, but she is not present at today's meeting.

Historic and Archeological Resources: Nancy Berges

- Nancy reported that there are 27 historical sites on an old report and she wonders if we should add the breakwater and submarine net hooks found on the west and east ends of the island. She sat in on a zoom presentation about historical shell middens which are starting to disappear due to climate change. She has a concern with approving any building on the island that could accelerate erosion and destroy any of these sites on the island. Maybe we should reach out to the state for expertise on preservation of these sites. Perhaps some arrowheads might have been discovered in our shell middens. Nancy will contact the state archeologist about this.

Existing and Future Land Use: Need a committee volunteer to head these chapters.

Janice met with the Select Board to provide a 10-minute update on our progress. They expressed their gratitude for the work of committee members but had no advice or input to share. They would like a committee member to provide a quick update once a month.

Steve reported that the town is looking to get back to live, in-person meetings, maybe offering a hybrid method. If they do figure this out, our committee may be able to do a public forum to gather input from the community.

The next meeting will be on May 4 at 7:00 pm. At that meeting we will decide if/how we want to participate at the town meeting on May 15. Matt Purington brought up the auction for the Norton property down front taking place from April 29-May 6. This could have huge implications for the landscape down front.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McCann