

## **Town of Sherburne, NY Planning Board Minutes** December 14, 2021

**Attendance:** Nancy Simerl, Mike Janitz, Angela Jones, Jim Osborne, Holly Crouch, Brian Guldy

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Charlie Mastro, Rowena Krum, Deirdre Crouse (OCCA); Colin Jenkins and Shiori Green (via phone)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Mike Janitz.

**Minutes from November 9, reviewed:** motion to accept by Angela Jones; second by Jim Osborne; Motion carried.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:**

>Deirdre Crouse from Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA) introduced herself. She is bridging the continuity gap by working with Sherburne while a suitable professional planner to replace Danny Lapin is hired and brought up to speed with our comprehensive plan building process.

>Deidre introduced Colin Jenkins (via phone), the Syracuse University student analyzing survey responses. With Deirdre working the clicker and Colin narrating, Colin shared survey results compiled for 70 early responders to the survey. Full results will be posted on-line when analysis is completed. Highlights of the initial sub-set include: 92% think a comprehensive plan for Sherburne Town is important; the most common suggestion for desired change is economic development; 91% wanted to know more about potential merger of Village and Town; and we all appreciate Sherburne's green spaces and recreational areas.

>Selecting the Steering Committee is the next step in comprehensive plan creation. We have more than 20 potential volunteers. Sharing some details of committee responsibilities will help us find the people who really want steering committee level of involvement in this process.

> Still seeking photographs of Sherburne's best and worst attributes to stimulate discussion during visioning sessions. Remember to identify the photo sites and credit the photographers.

> Inconclusive discussion of where and when to conduct Steering committee meetings and community visioning sessions. What health-safety adjustments should we make, and what spaces are available for public gatherings, given the still-shifting level of Covid infection in our region?

>In collaboration with OCCA, Sherburne Town applied for grant funding of \$30,000 for support of comprehensive plan creation. Deirdre told us that we have been awarded this funding.

>Motion to adjourn meeting by Brian Guldy; second by Angela Jones; Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Nancy Simerl, January 7, 2022