

Town of Ancram
Zoning Revisions Committee

7:00 pm,

MINUTES 5-6-24

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. Steve Olyha served as Host.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Falcetti, Steve Olyha, Dennis Sigler, Norman Anton, Erin Robertson, Joining in late were Bonnie Hundt and Kim Tripp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Wohleking

Meeting called to order @7pm by Carol

1. Minutes of the meeting 1-29-24 Approved
2. Since Bonnie will be late, Jim will be taking the minutes of this meeting. Bonnie will take the minutes of the next meeting.
3. Review of Comp Plan: “Carol will review the Comp Plan for goals related to simplifying laws.”
The Comp Plan does not list simplifying laws as a goal, however several goals were directly quoted as part of the Comp Plan. Going forward we will handle specific problems related to simplifying as they are brought to our attention. Carol will create a procedure for Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and ZEO/CEO to report problems.
4. Review of ZRC minutes Sept -December 2023 and work to be done.
Discussion followed on zoning law simplification and affordable housing. All agreed to tackle affordable housing next. Erin suggested a pdf search to determine mentions of affordable housing in the Zoning Ordinance.
Also talked about the Copake law on affordable housing, NYS initiatives on the topic, and involving Nan and others with more expertise.
5. ZEO/CEO Escrow
ZEO would like authorization to create and administer escrow accounts for applicants. Steve cautioned against allowing this at least until the current situation with them is ironed out. Agreed to postpone discussion
6. A review of our preliminary thoughts before ZRC’s first substantive discussion on Oct 30, 2023. We reviewed the introduction. All agreed to table it.

7. Returning to deliberation on CAC's proposal to improve the Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone Law.

The following three changes in **Intent** were approved.

1. 2nd Par line 1: delete "and the Ancram Comprehensive Plan" and delete "our".
2. 2nd Par last sentence: Add "The Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone is in response to the Ancram Natural Resources Conservation Plan and the goals of the Ancram Comprehensive Plans.
3. 3rd Par last sentence: delete " This area and its 'enduring features' should be part of any conservation plan.

Next meeting 7:00 pm Monday May 20, 2024.