

TOWN OF JACKSON
PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
May 13, 2014

Planning Board Members

Noel Hanf, Chairman
Doug Gordon
Mark Mahoney
Norma Nilsen
Tracy Schneider
John Tully

Town Board Members

Supervisor Brown
Councilman Nolan
Councilman Rich

Others present:

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| Ted Berndt | Richard McCauley |
| Steve Chuhta | Robin McMurray |
| Brian & Jen Dunn | Don Otey |
| Sharon Dunn | John Pedersen |
| Judy Hanf | John Sheaff |
| Tom Lampros | Don & Donna Skellie |
| Bill McCarty | Lewis Steele |

The public hearing opened at 7:30 pm with Chairman Hanf welcomed the group, provided a brief overview of the goal of the plan and established ground rules for allowing all interested persons to speak.

The overall tone of the meeting was that the majority of the group agreed with the overall goal to preserve the rural character of the Town while simultaneously encourage and/or cope with growth. No one offered another goal.

Several notable comments and concerns were shared:

- Concerns about creating too many regulations which could devalue properties;
- A need for a sensible and flexible plan that does not limit business growth;
- The plan does not consider other sectors of the town/population other than agriculture and tourism;
- Will Jackson's agricultural businesses be sustainable decades down the road;
- Should Jackson develop a land inventory identifying what is considered agricultural, what's residential, etc.;
- Educate the public that action steps are also protective measures;
- The plan needs more action steps specific to the goal;
- More non-agricultural people need to participate;
- Suggest that a questionnaire be used to gain input local input;
- Cautioned the Planning Board to move very slowly;
- Instead of a comprehensive plan, perhaps the Town should consider creating local ordinances to protect from undesirable activities (i.e. dumping on land from entities outside the Town, hydrofracking, etc.);

- Instead of the term “zoning”, use the “land-use planning”;
- Is there a simplified site plan review law; and
- Concerns about what future Boards will do with an approved Comprehensive Plan.

A second public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk/Planning Board Clerk