

Conquest Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

April 21, 2022
7:00 PM at the Town Hall

Notes:

1. Community Updates

- a. Duck Lake – people are coming back for the summer; lake is up but not accessible; currently waiting on a permit for herbicides
- b. Easter Egg hunt drew about 50-60 people
- c. Slayton Rd is getting paved soon
- d. Planning Board is working on packaging up comments on the solar project that were received at the meetings in March

2. Survey – 170 responses to date.

3. Vision Statements

- a. Nick's statement: *We the residents of the Town of Conquest, through the means and measures of this comprehensive plan, do recognize and declare the combined vision for the future of our community; and do commit ourselves to fulfilling this vision, for our own general welfare and for the that of our posterity. [or similar prefatory statement of purpose] To this end, we will strive to preserve the agricultural and natural resources in the town of Conquest. We will expand access to modern infrastructure throughout the community. We will promote and maintain our sense of community and community identity. [Further objectives can be added as decided in this list] We will protect access to outdoor recreational activities. Such is the purpose of this comprehensive plan—to ensure the fruition of our combined vision—guaranteeing the benefits and*

advantages of living in our rural community will exist in perpetuity.
[Or another concluding sentence]

- b. Tallie's statement: *Conquest, a quaint agricultural town in northern Cayuga County. Where the residents pride on keeping the town rural, history preserved and community ties strong. We are an environmentally friendly community where the existence of living things are cherished. Where we can all breathe fresh air, maintain clean watershed and be able to experience the visual wonders that Conquest has provided for so many years. Finally, we are a caring, welcoming community; open to opportunities that will benefit the community in a favorable way.*
 - c. Good start so far! The committee will continue to develop this as we go along. The goal is to present a vision statement at the next public meeting (planned for July).
4. Population, housing, and other demographics
- a. A "before and after" look at housing trends might be useful (e.g. 2010 – 2020) – such as mapping the subdivisions in those 10 years.
 - b. How does Conquest compare to other towns?
 - i. Could look at building permits to see what kinds of activity there has been.
 - c. Duck lake is mostly older residents, about 120.
 - d. What are the trends along Seneca River?
5. Land Use & Agriculture
- a. There might only be about 20 farming operations in Conquest even though the area and number of parcels is so large.
 - i. Shannon & Dorothy will check list of ag property owners
 - b. Compare numbers to other towns, such as prime farmland extent, crop types, etc.
 - c. Crop land types change year to year
 - d. There is some farming in wetlands – muck crops.

- e. Are there land uses that the Town should consider a moratorium for while developing the comp plan? Solar is already on pause (for less than 25MW).

Action Items

To come up with goals and recommendations for the plan, think about the sections of the Inventory and Analysis you just read – demographics, land use, and agriculture – and answer these short questions. (Don't think too hard – the answers don't need to be complex – keep them simple!)

- What do you value about:
 - Housing, population trends?
 - Land use?
 - Agriculture?
- Why do you value these things?
- What are goals of [housing, population, land use, agriculture]?
 - *Use words like*
 - Maintain.....
 - Preserve.....
 - Grow....
 - Protect....
 - Prevent.....
 - Encourage.....

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 19, 2022
7:00 PM
Town Hall