

**TOWN OF CASTLETON**  
**SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes of July 9, 2018**

**TOWN OFFICE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Bruno, R. Combs, R. Spaulding, Z. Holzworth, J. Leamy

**OTHERS PRESENT:** See attached listing

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by J. Bruno at 6:35pm.

**DISCUSSION OF TOWN PLAN**

Bill Wood stated that some information in the new Town Plan is exactly word for word the same as the 2010 plan. He provided examples of statistical info that had not been updated with recent years' info, some referring to the 1990's for data. He stated he felt the new Town Plan has no new goals, just the same ones from 2010 that were never completed. He recommended rejecting the Town Plan and rewriting it. J. Bruno stated that there have been meetings regarding the Town Plan for the last year and isn't sure why concerns are just being brought forward now. He stated that the statistical information in the new Town Plan was provided by the state and that the Planning Commission can only use what data is available. B. Wood stated that he would be willing to do some research to find up to date information for statistics. J. Bruno stated that the plan expires on August 12<sup>th</sup> so there is not time to completely rewrite the plan that has taken a year to write, but that any information that was presented would be considered to be added or updated in the Plan.

Karen Scolforo, president of Castleton University, echoed some of B. Wood's concerns. She stated that she would like to be a part of helping with the new Town Plan and that because the Plan is good for eight years, she would like to see CU be a bigger part of the Plan as the town's largest employer. She stated she had some minor corrections such as typos and said she would submit those corrections to J. Currie to look over.

Joe Mark also echoed many of the points B. Wood brought up. He stated he realized that while many things hadn't changed, such as rivers and lakes, etc., the demographic information surely could be found to be more up to date than the 90's. He gave several page examples of demographic information that he thought current information could be found online and through ARSU reports. He stated that in some cases, the charts seemed correct, but the narrative didn't seem to have been updated to match. He also asked about updating water lines that have had issues over the past several years and invasive species on Lake Bomoseen and what could be implemented to help those situations.

Jim Thomas stated that in the new Town Plan, it has the exact wording as the old town plan that states that Water Source Protection Plans need to be put in place, however that work was already done years

ago when he was Town Manager. He stated he believes that wording needs to be updated to reflect that those plans are already in place.

B. Wood gave page examples of school info that he believes could have more up to date information found within the annual school reports.

J. Bruno stated that the Planning Commission spent many hours going through the Plan page by page using the statistical information that the state supplied them. He suggested that if the new Town Plan is rejected by the board, the citizens with concerns might enlist to help update the information.

R. Franzoni clarified that there are greeters at Float Bridge and Green Dump on the weekends to check boats going into and coming out of the lake for invasive species. Those people are funded by the state. The state is also supposed to be sending a second dock for Green Dump.

John Burke stated that having read over 70 Town Plans as an attorney, this Town Plan does at least follow the correct format and that it is better than most he has read.

Janet Currie, chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that the Town Plan can be amended after it is adopted. If more current information can be found, the Plan could be amended and does not need to be rejected. She suggested anyone with corrections attend the Planning Commission meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss further. She stated that if she received more current information very soon, she could work on verifying and implementing that info in the new Town Plan before it is adopted.

J. Thomas stated he would like to see a push from the Planning Commission to get water and sewer to the prospective Industrial Park and that it will be hard to develop without them. J. Bruno stated that is in the zoning which is being overhauled.

#### **SELECT BOARD COMMENTS**

R. Combs had some minor corrections such as typos, etc. that he said he will meet with J. Currie to discuss. Z. Holzworth said the same.

**MOTION:** J. Leamy moved to adjourn the meeting. R. combs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Darcy Van Noordt

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_