

VILLAGE OF CENTRAL SQUARE

3125 East Avenue
Central Square, New York 13036

Planning Board Workshop

August 18, 2011

The Village of Central Square Planning Board met at Village Hall on August 18, 2011. Members present were Stephen Williams, Maryellen Commisso and JudyAnn Trombley, Secretary. Members absent were Burt Alm and Barb Davis. Also in attendance were Dr. Dan Walsh, Wayne and Karen Skinner, John and Doris Hasto, and Michael Dixon.

The Following Notes Are From This Workshop:

Steve Williams welcomed all attendees and began review of previous meeting information regarding the Village of Central Square Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and Traffic Study were made available to attendees. Public comments, suggestions and discussion regarding the Implementation Matrix was recapped and new comments and suggestions discussed. A copy of the 2008 Implementation Matrix and previous audience response is attached. Several new suggestions (numbers 1E, 13A-18) were added at this meeting and considered a priority by attendees.

Some discussion with specific regard to the topic of village sidewalks brought out questions from Mr. Dixon, about the work that was supposed to be done this year with sidewalks that would have coincided with work planned for State Route 49 roadway. He also stated that other communities have had sidewalks installed and/or sidewalk improvements completed this year. He cited several communities in and out of Oswego County where he had seen sidewalk construction in progress. It was suggested that previously planned Route 49 roadwork may have fallen apart due in part to State decreases and cuts in programs, grants, workforce, etc. Steve Williams offered that by refreshing the Comprehensive Plan and with the active interest of the public, it may be more likely to get the serious attention it deserves. It is hoped that with action from New York State that consideration for the goals is accomplished and recommendations sent to the Village Trustees to begin the process to actually achieve those goals.

In staying with the topic of State Route 49, Mr. Skinner brought out some issues regarding the culverts and substantial drainage at the lead edge of driveways and drifts of sand and silt that follows the water down the road and sidewalk. He went on to say that the volume of water coming down the hill on the sidewalk is very high. He suggested it may help if pipes could be put under the road, as well as changing the grade and incorporate it when the State works on the Route 49 roadway.

There was brief discussion regarding traffic lights with Mr. Skinner, offering that traffic lights are needed at the Mallory Road and State Route 49 intersection, as well as Caughdenoy Road and State Route 11 intersection. He believes lights at both intersections would enable a shorter cycle while allowing respective turns and, above all else, make it more safe for the community.

The topic of walkers and bikers was intermixed with the comments on traffic issues as safety held top priority on every topic. Mr. Dixon commented on extending the "Walmart" road as a bike trail. Comments were made by the Board as to the landscape appearance being held to the standard agreed upon and how it is very well maintained. Mr. Skinner suggested paving the snowmobile trail for bikers and walkers. Another suggestion was to have a marked distance trail around the Village dedicated for Village "foot touring" and the addition of a map to the website with routes and distances.

Several comments regarding extending Railroad Street to the Middle School, as well as Gertrude Drive and Corporate Park Drive, to help with school bus traffic and safety. Mr. Hasto brought up that the amount of traffic on Webb Avenue has increased dramatically. There had been a traffic count made a few years ago and he suggested that it should be requested again. One suggested solution to the traffic issue was to make Webb Avenue a "one-way" street.

With the additions made to the Implementation Matrix, Steve Williams read the Comprehensive Plan Goals. The strategies for each goal were the foundation of the matrix, which was used as an outline for these few Planning Board meetings and public review.

Dr. Dan Walsh previously submitted an application for a Sign Permit. Attached to the application are copies of the business listing, sign layout, sign placement on the building and map with location of his business. Steve Williams welcomed him and offered his wish for a successful business that encourages more people into the community.

Steve Williams and Maryellen Commisso referenced the Municipal Code book and read excerpts from Chapter 250-18 Signs, F Specific sign restrictions, #9. Dr. Walsh explained that there is space for three businesses in his building and that format is pictured on the reverse side of the business listing. His intention is to house his chiropractic business and eventually fill the two additional business spaces, each with their own respective sign. There is an existing sensor light that will remain above the new sign. It was noted on his paperwork that it had passed the environmental study. Dr. Dan Walsh was asked to bring his information to the next scheduled meeting.

Steve Williams thanked all the attendees for their valuable input on the Comprehensive Plan review. He announced the next scheduled meeting on September 15 at 7:00pm and bid everyone a good night.

Respectfully Submitted,

JudyAnn Trombley
Planning Board Secretary