

September 4th, 2019

Appointment of Steering Committee 2019

The Steering Committee should be made up of 5-17 members. The Village Board approved 18 members in the anticipation of 12 or more residents accepting the appointment.

The Steering Committee's role is housekeeping in nature, ensuring the process is on track and the engineers understand "Sherman's" goals in "Sherman's" language. The Steering Committee members must be village residents. However, we desire input from EVERY stakeholder. The mayor appoints and the trustees approve the appointments. (That's the law and the role of the positions.) The members were selected to touch as many agencies, organizations, and boards as possible. There were 9 men and 9 women asked to be on the steering committee across various ages and life styles; several regularly attend village meetings, zoning board of appeals meetings, or have taken an interest in a particular project. We were cautious not to have a quorum of any other board or committee while meeting the need to represent as many interested parties as possible:

Church pastor, Olive Lodge, American Legion, Alumni Assoc, Sherman NY Youth Foundation, The Rural Center, Chamber of Commerce, (Historical Society was difficult because most reside outside the village), Business Owners, Residents, Parents, SCS, two Planning Board Members, a young single Auxiliary Member, a retiree who is a past business owner and SCS retiree... Snow Mobile Club etc. Several of these people were selected because they represent more than one organization or group.

The mayor is on the Steering Committee at the request of the engineers to efficiently handle the communications and paperwork; the Streets & Water Superintendent is on it as a matter of village structural knowledge - but the intention was to have minimal "municipal Village" representation or influence.

Members appointed who have accepted:

Chairperson Rose Crane
Secretary Colleen Meeder
Tim Minge
Ryan Sanders
Doug Crane
John Swabik
Brian Bates
Gary Emory
Melissa Gormley
Kelly Thornton
Shannon Stevens
Georgeanna Peck
Sarah Oehlbeck

The opinions of the “**Greater Sherman Community**” were sought out and will be represented in the Comprehensive Plan. The notice for the Community Visioning Workshop was in the school calendar - sent to EVERY HOME IN THE DISTRICT. The notice was sent out through the Amish schools, mailed to everyone who had a water and sewer bill, all the businesses in the Village of Sherman (sometimes the lease holder is not the one who receives the W&S bill), and to over 100 business owners, organizational leaders or those who take on roles within the community that reside in a 7-10 mile radius (regardless of township or residency). It was posted throughout the community, left in every SCS staff mail box, and posted in the paper the prior Saturday and Monday. The Post Journal and Westfield Republican had a few articles leading up to the Community Visioning Workshop. There will be additional workshops and other opportunities for community input.

All stakeholders residing outside the village received an invitation to join a subcommittee(s). The same letter will be sent to the village residents in the October W&S bill. This is an opportunity for anyone to participate in the area or areas that they are particularly interested in. The subcommittees will be influential and active into the future. Anyone may participate in a subcommittee regardless of residency or appointment. The subcommittees will really dive into the details, report to the Planning Board, and ensure implementation. The Comprehensive Plan is the tool to guide the Planning Board and Village Board in making future decisions. The implementation of zoning amendments, design, development, grant writing, etc. will follow.

Subcommittees will form two ways:

- 1. Naturally as groups form with common interests to collaborate*
- 2. As needed, the Village will reach out to interested individuals*

October 1st, 2019

Community Visioning Workshop

John Steinmetz and Bob Murphy, Barton & Loguidice, 54+ stakeholders present

Opening:

Understanding the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, and opportunities available
Last Sherman Comprehensive Plan of 2006
Described changes in habits, purchasing, and population demographics

Exercise:

Rating of sample landscapes and streetscapes to survey opinion and stimulate discussion

Group participation (SWOT analysis):

Current Strengths
Current Weaknesses
Future Opportunities
Future Threats

John and Bob will update the data pertaining to our area, summarize the survey results, and report the SWOT analysis to the Steering Committee in the upcoming weeks.

October 1st, 2019
Steering Committee

Following the Workshop, the Steering Committee briefly met. There were eight members present. (Chairperson Rose Crane, John Swabik, Georgeanna Peck, Shannon Stevens, Colleen Meeder, Ryan Sanders, Melissa Gormley, and Doug Crane.)

After introductions, John and Bob asked the Steering Committee members to review information on Comprehensive Planning, and to read the 2006 Sherman Comprehensive Plan prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, at 6pm, at the Fire Hall, upstairs meeting room.

No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

DRAFT Submitted by Colleen Meeder

Additional resources available:

New York – Village Law – Comprehensive Plans:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/VIL/7-722>

Paul Beyer, NYDOS, Community Development / Smart Growth / Resiliency:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc-b_pD8cEs&feature=youtu.be

Community Development: *It's Local & Personal*

1. Housing
2. Economic Development
3. Infrastructure
4. Environment / Equity

“Defining a community is not easy... defining community development is not easy... community is an art form, community is a feeling, community is a spirit, community is a mutuality. It’s a bond among people and you have to take those neighborhoods... and knit a strategy together that works for that particular community and that is personal to that community.” Governor Cuomo

3 Concepts: Community Development, Smart Growth, and Resiliency

Partnerships and Collaboration

Key – “collaborative governance”

Networks – solutions to resiliency (interagency collaboration)

Develop programs and policies ~~for~~ with people

Engage the Community

FOO initiative: Food Orientated Outreach