

ONEIDA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING OVERSITE AD HOC COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 14, 2009
9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
ONEIDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
RHINELANDER, WI 54501

Members present: Thomas Rudolph
Bill Bell
Don Sidlowski

Department staff present: Karl Jennrich, Planning & Zoning Director
Steve Osterman, Planning Manager

Other county staff present: Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel

Guests present: Dennis Lawrence, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning
Commission, Charles Wickman, Comprehensive Planning Oversight
Committee Member

Call to order.

Don Sidlowski called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M., in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. For the record, Ad-Hoc Committee Member Gary Baier was absent.

Approve the agenda.

Motion by Tom Rudolph second by Bill Bell to approve the agenda. With all members present voting "aye", the motion carried.

The Committee will be discussing and making recommendations regarding the format and direction of the Comprehensive Planning Oversight Committee.

Don Sidlowski led the general discussion. Dennis Lawrence talked about the Vilas County process. Vilas looked at the "big picture" and reviewed critical issues for the County. Oneida County is somewhat different due to the "bottom up" approach they are taking.

The City of Eagle River was not involved at all. They are not doing a Comprehensive Plan. Bill Bell commented on what the actual purpose of a Comprehensive Plan is and had general questions of Jennrich.

Jennrich talked about the importance of a Comprehensive Plan especially when it comes to making decisions regarding land use decisions. General comments were made since the County is not doing a comprehensive survey they need experts input in various chapters. The Committee wanted more of a workshop approach where they hear an

expert testimony from individuals that are familiar with the topic at hand. The group wants to make recommendations to the larger committee and wants to provide copies of the Vilas County Comprehensive Plan to the entire work group. The group recognizes that Oneida County is not Vilas County, so the content will be very different, but the overall format employed by Vilas County was recognized as being useful.

Dennis Lawrence talked about some of his ideas. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning will deal with the last chapters and then go to break out sessions to flush out the specific chapters including Natural Resources, Transportation, Economic Development, Housing and Utilities, Community Facilities and Government Cooperation. Dennis Lawrence provided a handout.

The group discussed looking at the positive versus dwelling on some of the negatives of planning. The Ad Hoc Committee stated that these break out sessions should involve the entire Committee and possible be two meetings a month. The group discussed having John Potters, the Oneida County Coordinator, there due to the fact that various departments within Oneida County will be involved with the Comprehensive Planning process. The group had general recommendations on who to contact regarding the various issues. Economic Development: Jim Kumbera; the Town of Minocqua and Three Lakes Economic Development Corporation, The City of Rhinelander Economic Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce Directors.

Transportation: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Dan Grasser; the Oneida County Highway Commissioner; the Airport Manager – Three Lakes, Rhinelander and Minocqua/Arbor Vitae, in particular Bob Heck the Oneida County / Rhinelander Airport Commissioner; Natural Resources: Tom Drove, the USDA Forest Representative; John Bilogan, Oneida County Forestry and someone from the American Legion State Forest; Housing: Rhinelander Housing Authority; the Oneida County Housing Authority, Diane Jacobs, the Oneida County Department on Aging; Taylor Park / Milestone Directors; the NHTH, Bill Miller. Utility / Public Service: Frontier, Prospect One and Wisconsin Public Service; Schools / Other things: YMCA, School Districts, Nicolet College, Oneida County Buildings and Grounds, Taylor Park, Ken Kortenhof, Director of Oneida County Emergency Management; Oneida County Sheriff, Intergovernmental: City of Rhinelander, Wisconsin Towns Associations. Others as recommended by the entire Oversight Committee could also be invited to participate as experts.

It was suggested that Dan Kuzlik be requested to assist in the facilitation of the Comprehensive Planning process and could facilitate the meetings at a neutral site; possibly the Curran School, so as to not tie up the County Board Room for an entire day at a time twice a month.

The Committee will review and discuss all previously introduced chapters.

No action was taken.

Approved future meeting dates.

January 12, 18 and 28, 2010 were tentative dates to discuss with Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee

Public Comments. Charles Wickman provided comment.

Future agenda items.

There was nothing further discussed.

Adjourn.

There being no further matters to lawfully come before the Committee, a motion was made by Tom Rudolph, second by Bill Bell to adjourn the meeting. With all members present voting "aye", the motion carried.

Karl Jennrich
Planning & Zoning Director