

Minutes from Machias Planning Committee on Nov 25, 2024.

Present: Dave Zilker, Bob Schenk, Josh Dusterhus, Kevin Sparks & Jeanne Brown

Missing: Colleen Haines, Heather Pitrillo, Nick Glasner, Dale Burch & Rafael Tudela

Community Members: Cheryl Keesler, Peg Spiez, Betty Densmore & Jen Dusterhus

Meeting started after 6pm as Jeanne was late AGAIN!..After pledge to flag we did not follow the agenda in order.

Stephany Morningstar could not make our meeting as she was having back trouble. Peg Spiez, who connected us with Stephany, said that Stephany has done grant writing. Josh and Bob were interested in having us meet with Barton & Loguidice, as they met with them at the Town Board mtg and they would do the plan for free as it is a State incentive having to do with Towns protecting their water sources so that the residents have safe drinking water. Barton & Loguidice is a consulting firm.

I read the two "Vision to Reality" papers that Rafael and I had written separately. Kevin noted that they didn't really address "who" you call when you have an issue, but really in our area we call 911 and dispatch in Little Valley sends whoever is closest and available I imagine. It was noted by Bob that especially at the park, outsiders (non-Machias residents) are coming in to cause trouble, because they never get caught. Josh said that right now only the town only pay our constibles to be at the town court. Bob also said that the Youth Commission should install cameras at pool and playground to deter or catch perpetrators.

The question came up as to how did Great Lakes Cheese protect the drinking water for Farmersville?

I will contact Stephany to see if she can attend our next mtg, 12-30-24.

I will also contact Mr. Daniel Martonis, Director of Real Properties in an effort to get demographic info for Machias. Ie: numbers and ages of residents. Possibly a list of the top ten employers in Machias.

Dave had reminded us that Connor and Dalton in the County Planning Dept had asked that we send them our info when we were ready to get Comprehensive Plan written.

We only have 2 Vision stmts to be completed. Josh is going to call Heather re: her Business Vision, and Josh will connect with Scott Ludka on their Vision Stmt. For dealing with cleaning up houses, building and businesses.

I will be sending info to Barton & Loguidice, along with Stephany, that would be required for the Comprehensive Plan. Then hopefully when we meet in December, we will have someone to write it.

The comp plan also needs to address farming and Ag.

Josh mentioned that if someone is interested in festival planning, that they might want to start now. Peg Spiez said she is interested and I mentioned that Chloe Steffenhagen is also interested. I will call her and connect her to Peg.