

VILLAGE OF CENTRAL SQUARE

3125 East Avenue
Central Square, New York 13036

Planning Board

July 21, 2011

The Village of Central Square Planning Board met at Village Hall on July 21, 2011. Members present were Chairperson Stephen Williams, Barbra Davis, Maryellen Commisso and JudyAnn Trombley, Secretary. Member absent was Burt Alm. Also in attendance were Mayor Murphy, Larry Kinne, Peg LeVine, Susan Gugliotto, Wayne Skinner, Melissa & Eliza French, Gary and Linda House, and John Commisso.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Williams, at 7:01PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the attendees to the second of three meetings for discussion on review of the Village of Central Square Comprehensive Plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Stephen Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2011 Planning Board Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Maryellen Commisso, the Board was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Steve Williams opened with a PowerPoint presentation regarding research on "round-about" he had compiled after traffic information and questions were brought out at the last Planning Board meeting. Included were individual slides of several cities with existing round-about, data and description. The presentation gave visual aid as to size, design, etc. Copies of the Traffic Study were available to attendees and a brief review of several comments and questions from a public information meeting held November 12, 2009, and found in the back of the Traffic Study packet were brought out. One specifically relevant was question 13: *How will tractor trailers be accommodated on a round-about?* There was discussion on several possible options.

A question regarding traffic amount limits for a round-about was posed, along with Mayor Murphy commenting that snow removal may be a very large issue with respect to the amount of snow in this area. Several other

concerns were limited to existing buildings in close proximity to the central intersection where a round-about may be considered and if they would be a casualty to the size increase needed to have a round-about. Another concern was truck traffic with respect to the difficulty large trucks may have negotiating the turns. The general opinion was that a round-about should still be considered with respect to traffic issues in the central intersection.

Barb Davis commented on an option of pulling the traffic lights back and away from the central intersection and incorporate the lights into a light system may be a cheaper option. Other comments were regarding moving the STOP line back on Routes 11 and 49 in both directions. No one felt that downtown would be negatively impacted if traffic slowed by diverting one way or another. All were in agreement that the impact it may have on accidents was seen as a definite decrease and that pulling the lights back and/or moving the STOP line back was a very good option.

Part of the presentation included the Implementation Matrix from the end of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan packet. Chairperson Steve Williams suggested to the audience to rate these objectives on a level of high, medium or low. He commented on publicizing the Implementation Matrix with the audience ratings in the Citizen newspaper, along with a request for citizens to respond, as well.

A copy of the 2008 Implementation Matrix and responses from this meeting's audience is attached. Please note that numbers 12-16 were added at this meeting and considered a priority by attendees. Some discussion with specific regard to number 11: *Maintain the beauty and appearance of Hillside Cemetery and Goettel Park. Establish permanent committee for cemetery; explore and build a Columbarium in upper cemetery land.* While it was made known that there is an existing Cemetery Committee and a Commissioner who oversees maintenance, records, etc. a Columbarium was in question. Mayor Murphy presented a posterboard of pictures of various cemetery columbarium, within short driving distance, that showed appearance and he explained its purpose and spoke briefly about the process of obtaining one for Hillside Cemetery.

In regard to number 15 added at this meeting: *Bike paths for Routes 11, 49 and County Route 12;* there was discussion on its sole use not being just for riding bikes. With Meadow View in such close proximity to Route 49 and partially deemed for disabled tenants, the safety of disabled individuals traveling by power wheelchair to Walmart, Rite Aid, MacDonalds, etc. on Route 49, safety was a very high priority. Others

utilizing a possible bike path without an available sidewalk would be walkers, including youth and senior citizens (some with walking aids), and people with strollers, as well as bikers. So to offer a safer mode for citizens, other than the road of Route 49, was considered a high priority by the attendees of this meeting.

It was addressed that a note had gone out to Village Trustee Heather Stevens regarding the Historical Background found at the end of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and in request of updating the background to include years to present. A note was received from Trustee Stevens, with the updates to present year. Two other notes were requested as informative and invitation to the July meeting and were sent to the Central Square Fire Company and SOVAC. The fire company had several representatives in attendance and SOVAC sent word that a representative would attend after a scheduled meeting obligation during the same timeframe.

Census data was briefly touched on, but as current 2010 data was not yet available for the Village of Central Square, it yielded no discussion.

After discussion between all attendees and the Planning Board, it was suggested by Chairperson Steve Williams to formulate a letter of recommendation to the Village Trustees for a "No Right On Red" sign to be placed on Fulton Street at the intersection of State Route 11 (#1A).

Chairperson Steve Williams thanked all the attendees and invited them to return to the next meeting on August 18 at 7:00pm.

There being no other business, Chairperson Williams moved to adjourn the meeting/workshop at 8:41PM. The motion was seconded by Barbra Davis, the Board polled and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

JudyAnn Trombley
Planning Board Secretary

IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

1A.	Place a “no right on red” sign at the corner of Fulton St. and Rte. 11 (heading south) to allow easier movement of traffic turning off Rte. 12 (Caughdenoy Road) during peak traffic times.	HIGH
1B.	Establish sidewalks or walkways (separated from the road by a painted line) on all Village streets and roads including in any existing and new developments.	MEDIUM-LOW
1C.	Identify and reclaim all sidewalk areas that have been paved over, such as those on the west and south side of the Jreck Subs building.	LOW
1D.	Maintain all sidewalks as child-safe and in good repair.	MEDIUM
1E.	Undertake a study of particular traffic challenges, the solutions to which will make traveling through and parking in the Village much less problematic.	HIGH
1F.	Develop a communication liaison with the area Department of Transportation offices, perhaps appointing one trustee or Planning Board member or other community volunteer as a contact person, in order to apprise the DOT of our interests and to keep up to date on their plans.	HIGH
2A.	The Planning Board should carefully and realistically examine all potential new developments to weigh the pros and cons of the project based on what the Village’s current infrastructure will support.	LOW
2B.	The Village should consider conducting a survey of owners of large, still undeveloped parcels, to discover what plans they may have regarding development of their properties.	LOW
2C.	Carefully plan for new development in the area east of the railroad tracks, on both sides of Rte. 49.	HIGH
3A.	Create an “economic development council” to help the Village make positive changes in its economic growth.	MEDIUM
4A.	Develop a design plan for the center of the Village, complete with infill building locations, façade improvements, landscaping, use of planters, buried wires, improved parking, etc.	MEDIUM
4B.	Amend the zoning law to incorporate design standards for the center of the Village.	MEDIUM-HIGH

Comment [VC1]: PB Audience feedback

Comment [VC3]: Leave as HIGH

Comment [KH2]: Kay Buschle NOT DONE

Comment [VC4]: All sidewalks are not ADA in the Village; add more sidewalks.

Comment [VC6]: MEDIUM

Comment [VC5]: Goettle Bldg/Consign Ship

Comment [VC7]: ADA compliant -- HIGH

Comment [VC8]: B&I Engineering; Mary Rowlands

Comment [KH9]: Kay Buschle Inform community regularly about results.

Comment [VC11]: Attentive to looking at everthing

Comment [KH10]: Kay Buschle Any new businesses in center of village on Rt. 11? Do they feel welcome or valued by village?

Comment [VC12]: MEDIUM; Important to have shared knowledge

Comment [VC13]: Possible Chamber

Comment [KH14]: Kay Buschle HIGH – talk in person with them. One committee to do all this (2A. – 4A)

Comment [VC15]: HIGH; Students from SU and/or SUNY ESF

Comment [VC17]: Enforce the existing zoning

Comment [KH16]: Kay Buschle I don't know if the zoning laws need changing.

4C.	Develop guidelines for private property appearance and maintenance.	MEDIUM
4D.	Research methods to provide property tax relief for homeowners upgrading their properties.	LOW
4E.	Bury utility wires whenever possible.	LOW
4F.	Establish a Village-wide clean-up day.	ONGOING
5A.	Improve landscaping whenever possible through plantings and use of planters.	ONGOING
5B.	The Village government should encourage developers to set aside some land in their development for the express purpose of providing strategically located greenspace for some type of park or playground, or simply as a relief to the eye from all the buildings.	HIGH
5C.	Re-tree the Village.	LOW
5D.	Protect natural areas of Rt. 49/Mallory Rd land with the exception of portions directly along the lot frontage.	LOW
5E.	Plan for the improvement of Village parcel on South Main Street.	HIGH
6A.	Explore a plan for a new municipal building to house the Village office and personnel.	LOW
7A.	Mail a quarterly newsletter with the sewer bills – include web address.	HIGH
7B.	Continue to disseminate information via the Village website and keep it up to date.	MEDIUM
8A.	Devise a simple volunteer program to provide citizens with an opportunity to make enriching contributions to the organization and enhancement of their community.	HIGH
9A.	Establish a historical committee to collect and preserve any and all pertinent artifacts.	HIGH
10A.	Seek to retain natural features of development sites, where appropriate, through the site plan review and State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process.	HIGH
11.	Maintain the beauty and appearance of Hillside Cemetery and Goettel Park. Establish permanent committee for cemetery;	

- Comment [KH18]:** Kay Buschle
Need to remove vacant houses 1st by talking w/ the owners.
"Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder."
Provide information about maintenance, etc.
- Comment [VC19]:** HIGH; Investigate process in the Plan
- Comment [KH20]:** Kay Buschle
Talk w/ Niagara Mohawk/National Grid about this in center of old part of the village.
- Comment [VC21]:** HIGH
- Comment [VC22]:** Publicized in water/sewer bill
- Comment [VC23]:** Project Bloom
- Comment [VC24]:** NAPA part of approval process
- Comment [VC25]:** MEDIUM Grant \$\$; Urban Reforestation
- Comment [KH26]:** Kay Buschle
Work in center of town has been ongoing.
- Comment [KH28]:** Kay Buschle
Not sure what this means.
- Comment [VC29]:** HIGH; exception of wetlands – CoRt 12
- Comment [KH27]:** Kay Buschle
New building going in.
- Comment [KH30]:** Kay Buschle
Village renting this property.
- Comment [VC31]:** Where the diner sits
- Comment [VC33]:** HIGH;
- Comment [KH32]:** Kay Buschle
Investigate odor at present building site. Continue to do this.
- Comment [VC35]:** ONGOING
- Comment [KH34]:** Kay Buschle
Being done.
- Comment [VC37]:** HIGH; formulate – need point person
- Comment [KH36]:** Kay Buschle
Are village minutes of meetings on website?
- Comment [VC38]:** Project Bloom, Fire Dept, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. should list more groups on the website and POC.
- Comment [VC39]:** Committee of one – in the office (Val Grant) and out of the office (Heather).
- Comment [KH40]:** Kay Buschle
Heather has done a wonderful job with this.
- Comment [KH41]:** Kay Buschle
Unsure of what this means for action...
- Comment [VC42]:** HIGH; cemetery committee existing

	explore and build a Columbarius (sp?) in upper cemetery land. (Kay Buschle)	
12.	Build Up - Condos with garages and rec center. More support for seniors – healthcare services	
13.	Move stop line on Route 11 and Route 49 in both directions.	
14.	Recommend one section on Village Website for Volunteer Groups to be listed and find resources for community service, POC, phone numbers, etc.	
15.	Bike Paths for Routes 11, and 49, as well as County Route 12.	
16.	Solar on poles – lights, etc., no telephone pole in the middle of the sidewalk	

Other notes –

Sidewalks high priority

- Roads
- Bury Cable
- Sidewalks
- Paths

Divide Up

Schools/YMCA/Seniors