

Councilmen Kelsey spoke about the Comprehensive Plan Committee. He feels it was formed under Article 266, Section 1, of Town Law which states in order to avail itself of the powers conferred by this article, such town board shall appoint a commission to be known as the zoning commission to recommend the boundaries of the various original districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein. Where a planning board already exists it may be appointed as the zoning commission. Such commission shall make a preliminary report and hold one or more public hearings thereon as deemed appropriate by the commission before submitting its final report. The town board shall not hold its public hearing or take action until it has received the final report of such commission. Upon adoption of a resolution by the town board accepting the final report, such commission shall cease to exist as a separate body.

In the Land Development Draft prepared for town board review by the Comprehensive Plan Committee, dated November 29, 2005 boundaries were set and regulations for specific areas defined. The town board accepted this draft, sending it to the county planning board for 239-m review and held a public hearing on such. This would indicate zoning and the committee a zoning commission, according to Kelsey.

Attorney Bader stated assuming that 266 exist, this amendment has qualified in making districts, so it's zoning. He feels this committee would fall under Article 272 of Town Law dealing with comprehensive plans. In Section 6(b) the law states, in the event the town board has directed the planning board or a special board to prepare a proposed comprehensive plan or amendment thereto, the board preparing the plan shall hold one or more public hearings and such other meetings as it deems necessary to assure full opportunity for citizens participation in the preparation of such proposed plan or amendment. The town board shall, within ninety days of receiving the special board's recommendation on such amendment, and prior to adoption of such amendment hold a public hearing on such. Discussion followed.

Mr. Kelsey asked Mr. McNamara how long before the committee would be done with their work and when they would cease to exist. McNamara did not know how long it would take to be done. Mr. Kelsey than made the motion to disband the Comprehensive Plan Committee working on the revision of the Land Development Law.

Mr. Colesante stated when the public was satisfied with the document, than it will be final. Mr. Buck feels that Land Development Law needs addressing, but feels as presented, it is zoning and the public sentiment agrees with this. If he finds the public wants zoning, he will support it. He also feels the committee has outgrown its usefulness.

Sharon Hostetter said the public didn't have sufficient time to review the draft and had questions that needed to be addressed. Mr. Boots feels the committee has overstepped their bounds and agrees with Mr. Bader that in defining districts, it's zoning.

Mr. Kelsey asked his motion be tabled until Mr. Metzger is present at the next meeting to entertain it.

Mr. McNamara stated the committee was trying to take the first steps to implement the Comprehensive Plan and was doing the minimum necessary. They did not deal with land uses and were not trying to sneak anything by. There are chronic problems with the Land Development Law and necessary steps need to be taken to correct these.

Mr. Colesante stated over the years a lot of good people worked on this and it would not be right to eliminate all the forward movement and work that has been done. Mr. Macari stated that if something were problematic the board should give direction to the committee so that it does not get us into zoning if that's what they want.

Supervisor Sakonyi felt new, fresh ideas; skills and backgrounds to serve on the committee would be good.

Lauri Mahaffy asked why Zoning is a bad word and portrayed as a horrible thing. Sub-committees are great, but she questioned if new appointees would come to meetings, be committed and do the work.

Mr. Nowack said the town already has distinct districts for fire, lighting, etc. The town is growing and things need to be addressed. If the board does not like what the committee is doing, tell them.

Mr. Kelsey commented the committee has had their chance, how long has this been worked on. After a certain point you have to rework the mix and appoint a new committee and chairperson. Old members would be asked to participate. A fresh new look is needed.

The Town Clerk asked what was going to happen with the remodeling of the room on the east-end of the town hall. Grant money was obtained to pay for a portion of this renovation and could be lost if the work is not completed. Also, Kay Foster has been appointed to do an Inactive Records Inventory with a portion of the grant money. Mr. Buck made the motion to follow through with the completion of the back room. Discussion followed. Mr. Sakonyi will bring a design plan to the board for next months meeting and this matter will be tabled until Mr. Metzger will be present. Mrs. Foster will not start her work until after the February meeting.

Mr. Kelsey made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Buck.
Carried Sakonyi - yes Colesante - yes
 Kelsey - yes Buck - yes