

February 22, 2018 Town of North East/Village of Millerton Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

Committee Attendance:

Edie Greenwood

John Midwood

Absent: Dale Culver

John Crodelle

Patti VandeBogart

Dianne Engleke

Ed Downey

Steve Waite

Planning consultant Nan Stolzenburg reviewed the postcard that will be mailed to every household on March 1 with information on participating in the survey. She suggested having a direct link to the survey on the town and village websites; put a link on Facebook and also having a press release. The deadline to complete the survey is March 25.

John Crodelle asked about the survey for people that are not computer friendly.

Paper surveys will be available at the town and village clerk's offices.

Nan recommended doing another press release mid-March as a reminder to complete the survey.

It was mentioned to have a two to three-hour slot available at the library for people who don't have computers or internet access.

Edie said she has Spanish-speaking volunteers to help.

Nan suggested questions 19-23 that require a lot of thought, be moved to the beginning of the survey.

In Question 15, reference to The Boulevard was corrected to be associated with Route 44 east.

Edie asked if the survey was not finished, could people save it and go back to it. Nan said that you can go back and change answers in survey monkey but if you leave the site before submitting the survey, all keyed in data will be lost.

Nan suggested in Question 8 (The following issues and concerns facing North East and Millerton have been identified by some members of the community as important. How important are each of these issues to you?), to take out the words "Limited, Declining, Lack of, Inadequate, Not enough (change to Sufficient) and Excessive. Ed said these words give a negative connotation.

Ed Downey asked how one interprets responses to high-speed internet. Does it mean those who don't have it or areas where it is limited? Nan said the availability of high-speed internet would be available in the GIS mapping data.

Changes to Question 14: Which of the following types of businesses would you like to see in the Town and Village?

- The word "added" was inserted before "in the Town and Village?"
- "Arts and Crafts" was changed to "Work and Exhibition Space for Artisans."
- Pharmacy was added to the medical services section.
- Separate categories were added for Retail Clothing, Antiques and Home Furnishings.

In Questions 18 and 19, "and adjacent areas" was inserted in the questions which relate to a public sewer district.

John Crodelle noted that in NY state law only residents who live in the area served by a sewer system are required to pay for the sewer system.

Drinking water was added to Question 20 and Transfer station was removed from Question 21. Ed asked why characterize AirBnB as housing in Question 22? It was changed from “Short-term rentals like AirBnB” to “Housing used for short-term rentals like AirBnB”.

John Midwood asked that the Village of Millerton Pedestrian Plan be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Nan said she would be sure that it will be included.

In Question 23 (How do you feel about each of the following potential actions that could address the needs in our community?), “Implement a village pedestrian plan” was changed to “Improve pedestrian safety and walkability.”

The Joint Village and Town meeting with the Comprehensive Committee is scheduled for March 1 at 7PM in The Annex.

Nan said the survey results wouldn’t be available for the March 22 meeting as the survey will be live until March 25.

It was decided to cancel the March meeting.

The next meeting will be April 26, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.