

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 8, 2015  
**Public Hearings**  
Draft Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held two public hearings on 08 April 2015 beginning at 7:30PM at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig  
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini  
Trustees; Tom Boissonnault, Mary Bryde,  
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,  
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Terri Stockburger

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30PM

*PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will host the Public Hearing to obtain public input for the proposed Draft Comprehensive Plan Update on Wednesday April 8, 2015 at 7:30PM or as soon thereafter as time permits at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509*

*The Comprehensive Plan, also known as the Master Plan determines the goals and aspirations of our Village in terms of community planning and development. Considerable emphasis was placed on community involvement and the community responded accordingly.*

*Anyone wishing to be heard may do so as time permits. The Village of Brewster will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and /or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.*

Mayor Schoenig thanks the public for coming this evening asking that anyone who wishes to speak state their name for the record. Mayor Schoenig then asks Deputy Mayor Piccini to say a few words as Chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Deputy Mayor thanks all the participants from business, industry, professional organizations, the community at large and the public for all their input thus far and we have reached the point where public comment on the draft plan is needed to validate or improve the finished product. Deputy Mayor Piccini says we will now hear your comments on the draft as it is prepared. Please raise your hand and identify yourself when you are selected to speak.

Deputy Mayor Piccini asks Gina Martini of VHB Engineering to say a few words in preface. The Village hired VHB to correlate the Comprehensive Plan in coordination with Putnam County Planning Department's Barbara Barosa who was also instrumental in bringing us this far. Ms. Martini provided a broad overview of the Comprehensive Plan which is a broad policy document that outlines the vision that the Village has for the future. Supporting the Comprehensive plans are tools such as Zoning Code and other plans yet to be developed to enable the Comprehensive Plan implementation. Once the Draft Comprehensive Plan was completed the Village and their designees put together a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS). The purpose of the DGEIS is to provide information on the potential impacts of implementing the Draft Comprehensive Plan. All comments made tonight will be part of the record in the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Some comments might cause revisions to the Draft Comprehensive Plan and if not an explanation as to the disposition of the comment as it relates to the documents before us.

Deputy Mayor Piccini opens the public hearing to comments for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mr. George Gaspar asks for a clarification regarding comments heard for the DGEIS. Ms. Martini says that all comments tonight will become part of the record. The record will become part of the FEIS either as verbatim or paraphrased will

be included in the FEIS and a response provided accordingly. The entire FEIS including comments will be made available in hard copy and online for your review.

Ms. Laurie Bells asks for a clarification. Once the Comprehensive Plan is adopted, how the zoning as described in the Plan be implemented. Ms. Martini says the concepts in the plan are broad, the actual zoning revisions will be more specific. Village Counsel Molé states that there will another public hearing prior to the adoption of the revised zoning code as it is a local law.

No Public comment.

Deputy Mayor Piccini says at this time we will continue the public hearing to receive written comments for 10 days and notes the room was sufficiently large enough to have accommodated everyone who came out and no one was turned away at the door.

Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to continue the public hearing to receive written comments for 10 days, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.

## 2. DRAFT GEIS PUBLIC HEARING 7:39 PM

*Putnam County - The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster, as lead agency, has accepted a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Village of Brewster Comprehensive Plan Update. A public hearing on the Draft GEIS will be held on April 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall of the Village of Brewster, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.*

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the Public Hearing on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS), Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.

No Public comment.

Mayor Schoenig motions to continue the public hearing to receive written comments for the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for 10 days, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.

## 3. Adjourn – Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn at 7:41 PM, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.