

**TOWN OF GHENT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE**

03 JUNE 2008

Chairman Jim Galvin opened the meeting at 7:05pm. In attendance were Frank Mendelson, Jonathan Walters, Nick Tipple, Pete Nelson Sr., Phil Trowbridge, and Town Attorney Ted Guterman.

Absent were members John Fishman, Aaron Groom, Larry VanBrunt, Jim Beal, Al Wassenhove, Gil Raab, Janice Fingar and Kyle Wilber, and consultant Nan Stolzenburg.

No members of the Public were present at the meeting.

Chairman Galvin informed those present that a couple members had contacted him, wanting to review the role played by the Committee. Additionally, Town Supervisor Larry Andrews had contacted him with concerns that language in the Committee's final report could potentially commit the Town Board to various actions. It was reiterated that the Committee is charged with looking to the Town's future and to offer suggestions; to provide the Town Board with options to consider. It is the ultimate responsibility of the Town Board to determine if and when to act upon Committee recommendations.

Vision Statement

Members read the draft Vision Statement, dated 06 May 2008, and edited by Mr. Mendelson. There was a brief, general discussion.

Mr. Walters suggested that the Vision Statement recognize that many members of the sitting Committee have been part of previous ad hoc committees that have seen suggestions acted upon by the Town Board. Examples include the Conservation Subdivision, mining code, subdivision review and revision of the actual zoning code.

Mr. Mendelson suggested that the Town Board, at annually held public meetings, review the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Nelson noted such regular, annual Town meetings would promote 'the well-being of the Town.' Committee members Frank Mendelson and Jonathan Walters will review the Vision Statement and provide members with copies in advance of next month's meeting. Members can review the document and be prepared to offer any suggestions or comments at the next meeting.

Town Attorney Guterman informed the meeting that Highway Superintendent Mike Losa is available to attend the July meeting, to

answer members' questions relating to Town roadways. The Committee agreed to invite Mr. Losa to the next meeting.

Goal 8 – Strategies 1 through 10

Committee members reviewed the strategies.

Please see attached 'marked-up' copy of Goal 8 draft for details.

Goal 9 – Strategies 1 through 15

Committee members reviewed the strategies.

Please see attached 'marked-up' copy of Goal 9 draft for details.

Chairman Galvin requested that Committee members review Goals 4, 5, 6, available with corrections from the May meeting, as provided by Nan Stolzenburg.

Upon receipt, Board members are requested to review amendments to Goals 8 and 9, as made by Committee members at this evening's meeting. Once again, members were asked to read all related materials in advance of next month's meeting. Unless any specific changes are requested at the beginning of the July meeting, Goals will remain as stated.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 02 July 2008, beginning at seven o'clock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.