

Stuyvesant Greenway Committee II
September 25, 2008
Stuyvesant Town Hall

Attending: Gale Bury, Tom Kilcer, Juanita Knott, Ron Knott, Kristina Kwacz, Charlene Leach, Mike Naegeli, Bill Vick

Absent: Brian Chittenden, Peter Donahoe, Kent Keller, Bob Leach

Guest: Michelle Richardson

Gale Bury made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Bill Vick seconded with the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Ron Knott reported that he met with Kristina Kwacz, Juanita Knott, Peter Donahoe, and Bill Vick on September 16th to design a format for the committee's first public workshop. Following discussion with and input from the rest of the committee, the following outline was delineated:

I. Introduction – Kristina Kwacz

- A. What is the comprehensive plan?
- B. What has the Town Greenway Committee been working on?
- C. Format of the morning

II. Waterfront

- A. Overview of 1996 Waterfront Recommended Actions by Area – Ron Knott
 1. Nutten Hook
 2. Stuyvesant Landing
 3. Kinderhook Creek Sandbar Park
- B. Group: Ideas for waterfront areas improvements (NH, SL, KC) – Kristina Kwacz

III. Trails

- A. Overview of 1996 Recommendations for Trails – Ron Knott
 1. Along Hudson River (South of Stuyvesant Landing to Nutten Hook)
 2. Along Hudson River (North of Stuyvesant Landing to Poolsburg)
 3. Along Kinderhook Creek
- B. New Possibilities – Michelle Richardson – Stuyvesant Recreation Committee member
- C. Group: Ideas for activities/uses along the potential trail areas – Kristina Kwacz

IV. Historic Resources

- A. Overview of 1996 Recommendations for Historic Resources – Juanita Knott
 1. Nutten Hook Icehouse
 2. Stuyvesant Railroad Station
 3. Stuyvesant Falls Bridge Historic District
- B. Group: How can we preserve the Town's history for future generations? – Kristina Kwacz

V. Natural Resources

- A. Overview of Natural Resources Recommended Actions - ?
 1. Aquifer mapping
 2. Scenic viewsheds

VI. Conclusion – next steps

Committee members including Ron and Juanita Knott will provide updates on the recommended actions in each subject area from the 1996 Comprehensive Plan. Kristina Kwacz will lead group exercises to obtain public input in each subject area by focusing on specific questions. Using a method recommended by Acting Greenway Executive Director Mark Castiglione, at the end of the meeting, attendees will “vote” for the identified actions that are most important to them, which will aid the committee in prioritizing the proposed ideas.

During the trails discussion, Ron introduced Stuyvesant Falls resident and Recreation Committee member Michelle Richardson, who serves as a liaison to the Town of Kinderhook’s Trails Committee. She reported that Kinderhook is actively working to create a system of trails which connect the villages with the Ichabod Crane Central School campus. She commented that their longer-term vision includes a trail from Lindenwald to Stuyvesant Falls.

Michelle asked whether the committee has considered Allendale Road for use as a trail connecting Stuyvesant Falls and Stuyvesant Landing. Several committee members noted this idea with interest. Allendale Road is no longer maintained by the Town, but Mike Naegeli stated that it was never a road owned by the town. That notwithstanding, the idea will be included in the presentation to the public on Saturday.

The former trolley track connecting Kinderhook to Stuyvesant Falls was identified as a possible trail in the 1996 Comprehensive Plan, but Michelle noted that this possibility is not currently being discussed by the Kinderhook Trails Committee. However, it is her understanding that National Grid is looking upon trails on right-of-ways more favorably.

Charlene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, which was seconded by Tom Kilcer. The motion passed with all in favor. First public workshop: Saturday, October 11th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. Next committee meeting: Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m., with Thursday, October 30th reserved as a planning for the next public workshop, if needed. Second public workshop: Thursday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m. Topics to be covered include Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Economic Development.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Kwacz
Secretary