

TOWN OF WATSON
Special Meeting
September 14, 2020

PRESENT: Dean Oakes, Nettie Prusinowski, Judy Houppert, Jan Cook

GUESTS: Jeff Hoch, Don Regetz (arrived at 7:15)

The meeting was at 6:30 with the introduction of Hartley Bonisteel Schweitzer. She was at our meeting with reference to our Comprehensive Plan. She is the Community Planner with DANC (Development Authority of the North Country)

Hartley is planning to do a quick review of the Comprehensive Plan. Nettie indicated that some maps are on a thumb drive that are not included in the Plan, but will need to be. Hartley commented on the fact that the survey indicated that most people loved Watson and wanted to protect the land and enjoyed the outdoors. She felt that a lot of controversy was on the horses. Nettie explained some of what took place at our recent meeting with the "horse people". We discussed items that would be safe for both the horses and the people.

Also, discussion covered ATVs. This is not allowed at present. The law states this. This has to come from the County. Nettie stated that in some areas this is allowed and in other areas close by it is not allowed.

The water project was also discussed. A map was reviewed. Judy mentioned that some of our local restaurants have either burned down or closed. We need them back so our campers can utilize them again.

A vision statement will hopefully be available for our next meeting. Many goals and opportunities are possible and can be achieved. We can add anything into the Plan and adopt it and make it the vision for the Town of Watson. Two different vision plans were looked at to give us ideas of what we may want to do for Watson. These were Harrisville (Diana) and Lowville.

Hartley will be at our October meeting and we will discuss further how we want to incorporate the Town of Watson Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.