

Genoa Comprehensive Town Plan Meeting  
May 10, 2010

Attending: Dave Stillwell, Dave Bailden, Barbara and Ken Patchen, Dan Thayer, John Berry, Maria Bachich

Discussion regarding recreation areas-:

Response to the survey reflected a need for community playgrounds/ball fields/places to gather. Once the schools close there is no place for people to gather.

The town has 10 small parcels of land, including the 10 acres where the town hall is located. The ball fields in the village of Genoa are on private land, there are no public recreational areas in either village.

Discussion covered funding for building playground areas, the liability and upkeep of the areas, location of playgrounds (one central location possible at the town hall site or a site in each village). The committee agreed that we should investigate how other towns funded play areas through volunteer work days and fund raising. It was noted that although we have miles of lake frontage there is no public access to the lake for town residents.

This topic will be covered at our next meeting. Dave Stilwell will contact members of other communities that have set aside land for parks and developed recreational areas. This will be a round table discussion.

Discussion regarding open spaces:

At present there is no land set aside for open space. This is something that the town may want to have in it's plan for the future as population growth reaches our town. The Trust for Public Lands helps communities put aside land for open spaces.

There was a consensus that the town should remain an agricultural community and there is a need to preserve the vistas and landscapes that we all enjoy.  
More discussion at our next meeting.

Discussion regarding trash disposal:

Due to the NY law banning the burning of household trash there will be a need for trash disposal. There was a discussion of establishing a transfer station similar to the Ledyard station which is open on Saturdays. It was also suggested that the town could 'share' a transfer station with a neighboring town to save costs.

Discussion regarding large trucks (trash haulers going to Senaca Landfill) using local roads. Is there a need to legislate? How will this legislation affect local farmers? Ken Patchen noted that new contracts with haulers specify where trucks can travel. As contracts come up for renewal this issue should be taken care of.

Discussion on the need for High Speed Internet:  
The town desperately needs high speed internet, it is limiting business, access for school children, etc.

Discussion regarding Land Use Planning:  
This topic was tabled until our September meeting. We will have a panel and the meeting will be advertised and open to the public.

John Berry noted that at the Town Planning meeting for County representatives it was agreed that all of the town representatives should meet before the individual towns finalize their town plans because the towns are so similar and are facing the same issues.

Action items:  
David Stilwell will contact Peggy Bradley to find out what other towns in the county have done regarding providing recreational areas. David will invite guests from other towns to attend our June meeting for a round table discussion.