

# VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN MEETING NOTES



**Date:** August 23, 2023  
**Meeting Name:** LPC #3  
**Time:** 4:30-6:30 PM  
**Location:** Village of Cooperstown Village Hall  
**Attendees:** See Below

## 1. Attendance (Village, State Team, Consultants)

### LPC Members:

Ellen Tillapaugh, Mayor, Co-Chair  
Ken Meifert, Co-Chair  
Matt Denison  
Josh Edmonds  
Keith Gulla  
Tom Hohensee  
Jeff Katz  
Carolyn Lewis  
David Sanford  
Patsy Smith  
Sarah Spross  
Brenda Wedderspoon Gray

### Project Team Members:

Stefan Lutter, DOS  
Nicole Allen, Laberge Group  
Adriana Beltrani, Laberge Group

## 2. Presentation

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the LPC meeting and discussed where to find information on the website. The Consultant Team presented a powerpoint, attached herein. The major takeaways from the meeting are as follows:

- Rules of recusal were reviewed, and forms were handed into the DOS project manager.
- Feedback from workshop #1 and the online survey closely follow feedback provided by the LPC at LPC meeting #1, and feedback received during outreach for the Comprehensive Plan in 2015. Highlights were presented to the LPC and summaries are posted to the website.
- Public workshop #2 will be held on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm at the Cooperstown Firehouse. This workshop is important to gain feedback on proposed projects.
- A draft of the Cooperstown NY Forward vision, goals and strategies was presented to the LPC. Feedback was provided that prohibiting traffic on Hoffman Lane should be removed from the strategies. If LPC members have further comments, they will email Laberge Group.

- The current list of proposed projects was reviewed. The total funding request submitted via the Open Call for projects was over \$12.8 million with a total project cost of \$24.6 million. 33 projects were submitted, and projects will continue to be reviewed by the LPC in subsequent meetings.
- Once all project summaries were reviewed, the LPC commenced discussion about project match requirements. The matches already offered by project sponsors were considered as a benchmark. Many LPC members offered their perspectives. The following were determined:
  - Private Projects: 50% minimum with 60% preferred match
  - Public Projects: 0% minimum with 10% preferred match
  - Nonprofit Projects: 0% minimum with 10% preferred match
  - Small Project Fund: HCR requires 25% match already. No alternative match was recommended by the LPC
- The project evaluation criteria were then reviewed. It was noted that the list is exhaustive and comprehensive and suggested nothing new be added. An addendum will be provided that summarizes local and regional plans to help address criteria 12 and 13. “Affordable” housing will be defined based on HUD guidelines. It was noted that the LPC should try to identify if projects meet at least one strategy. The goals and strategies document will be updated to contain numeric bullets to make note-taking easier.
- The LPC then reviewed the NY Forward boundary. It was noted that there were some errors on the proposed project map, and the correct location of the Willow Brook residential project is the northwest corner of the Grove Street and Glen Avenue intersection. The LPC voted to amend the NY Forward boundary to incorporate the Upper Main Street Wayfinding project and the Willow Brook Residential Project, which squares off the boundary along Grove and Main Street and is adjacent to the current project boundary.

### 3. Public Comment

- Mike Bartlet, Fair Street- Hoffman Lane as a one-way shouldn’t be eliminated, people access their parking through Hoffman Lane.
- Ellen Pope- Hoffman like Pioneer, still need vehicles to get through. Should be designed for all uses, European Style.
  - Non-profit capital funds are hard to come by (compared to operating funds).
  - Microbrewery concern on intensity of water use and disposal. Questions feasibility with location.
- Liz Callahan- HPARB chair. Demolition, material change needs to meet Village and SHPO guidelines. Supports the Smithy project.