

# VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN MEETING NOTES



<b>Date:</b>	September 27, 2023
<b>Meeting Name:</b>	LPC #4
<b>Time:</b>	4:30-6:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Village of Cooperstown Village Hall
<b>Attendees:</b>	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  
Jeff Katz  
Carolyn Lewis  
David Sanford  
Patsy Smith  
Brenda Wedderspoon Gray

### Project Team Members:

Stefan Lutter, DOS  
Adriana Beltrani, Laberge Group

## 2. Presentation

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the LPC meeting and reviewed the preamble. 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.
- A summary from workshop #2 and the online survey was provided prior to the meeting. Highlights were presented to the LPC. There are concerns that some of the survey feedback was skewed by multiple repeat respondents. The summary will be posted to the website once fully reviewed by the Core Team.
- Expectations for project evaluations were set. This meeting's focus is to organize miscellaneous projects, confirm ineligible projects and begin to identify priority projects.
- It was determined that the Otsego Lodge, the Veterans Club and Rudy's Wine and Liquor will remain in the "small projects" category. Sponsors for Rudy's felt they would not be able to make the match and make the project competitive. The LPC felt that Otsego Lodge and the Veterans Club would also not be competitive against the larger projects. If these organizations limited their funding requests to truly public facing projects, it may reduce the ask amount and be more reasonable for the Small Project fund.
- The match needs to be confirmed for Metro Cleaners in order to make a decision.

- Three projects were removed from consideration: 21 Railroad Ave, 23 Chestnut Street and 55 Grove Street.
- The LPC then began to run through the Evaluation Criteria for each project. The following items are needed to continue evaluations:
  - Willow Brook Residential- Regulatory Challenges/Public Support: can the historic structure be removed from the project or not demolished? What is the project sponsor's plan to deal with HPARB and the approvals process? This could impact timeline. Public support feedback to be reviewed for next meeting.
  - Pioneer Valley Microbrewery- Funding Criteria: Can the preferred match be met? Project Readiness: Who will be the brew master? What are the sewer and water impacts/discharge proposed? Is public access proposed? How much production is proposed and how will sales be conducted? This project may not be ready based on the submission. Without a tap room there are fewer benefits. May qualify as a pipeline project.
  - 134 Main- What are the voluntary energy efficiency elements to be included?
  - Railroad Inn Expansion- What are the voluntary energy efficiency elements to be included? Public support feedback to be reviewed for next meeting.
  - Bat Factory/33 Chestnut- Confirm that decarbonization is required, and pathway to same. Confirm if a manufacturing use is proposed.
  - 53 Pioneer- Need confirmation that preferred match can be met.
- In general, an economic analysis will be performed for each priority project that will aid in the understanding of economic benefit and population impacts of each project (evaluation criteria #15).
- Public projects were reviewed briefly in the time remaining for the meeting. Only the Catalytic and Transformative potential of each of these projects was discussed. LPC members will review these projects against the evaluation criteria and come to LPC #5 with their answers prepared.

### 3. Public Comment

- Resident on Lower Pioneer-Lakefront Park not an appropriate use of funds. Against the relocation of a parking lot. Would negatively impact adjacent residences. Oppose anything that would increase traffic in a residential area. Improvements to Hoffman Lane would be good. Does not support impacts to historic structures.
- Patty McLeach- Interested in sidewalks on Grove and Main Street, especially with the Willow Brook project. The Village needs sidewalks to support future projects.
- Ashley- Lives next to parking lot to be relocated with Hoffman Lane project. Stone Wall shouldn't be removed, worried about the separation distance. Fine with the plans shown to her so far. Parking should be a consideration for new Main Street projects, competes with existing parking. Supports the work of the LPC.