

APPROVED August 6, 2015

# **Village of Kinderhook Comprehensive Plan Update Minutes of June 4, 2015**

Present Mark Browne; Richard Phillip; Steve Phillips; Nan Stolzenburg;  
Elizabeth Martin; Susan Patterson; Susan Chiafullo; John Hannan;  
Dale Leiser; Brian Murphy; Thomas Muller; Matthew Cabral;  
Glenn Smith; Ruth Piwonka; David Smith; Kimberly Gray;

Call to Order 5:35 PM

Discussions M. Browne opens meeting. N. Stolzenburg talks about what our goals are to update the plan. She asks each person to voice their concerns about the village at this time. R. Piwonka speaks about the closing of the Martin Van Buren School and opening of the Gallery and focusing on education and heritage and what the villages resources are. G. Smith speaks about the Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Boards and how they are becoming more sensitive to the growth of businesses in the village. M. Cabral speaks about community living and children growing up in the village and expanding the business district keeping those things in mind. T. Muller spoke about the appearance of the village, suggesting maybe burying the electric lines and possibly looking into a water back up system. B. Murphy spoke about recreations in the village and all it has to offer, suggested making a park down by the creek and how expanding sidewalks has opened up the village for more walking and biking trails and hopes to keep heading in that direction. D. Leiser spoke about focusing on the drainage issues for water on Albany Ave and William Street. J. Hannan spoke about focusing on the historic nature of the village and to focus more on the destination that we have, not what it could be. R. Phillips spoke about the village hall being more of a destination and what we can do to enhance the village but keep taxes down. S. Phillips spoke about economic development and focusing on bringing more foot traffic into the village with the walking and biking trails. S. Chiafullo spoke about promoting and marketing the village in a better way and what we have to offer more often. S. Patterson spoke about bringing more businesses into the village and what we need to do to attract business owners and visitors. E. Martin spoke about the historic beauty and promoting that in the village, suggested more lighting, more trees, underground wires, things of that nature. K. Gray promoted the idea of a park down by the creek, expanding our business district, thinking more variety, entrance enhancement, historic preservation, suggested wooden street signs, things of that nature. N. Stolzenburg then asks what is preventing us from reaching these goals? The entire group agrees that we need to get more people involved and caring

about where our village is going and promote things that are going on there. The group spoke about finances, grants, etc so we can head in that direction. M. Browne states that is why we are doing the survey and speaks about where that is heading. N. Stolzenberg thanks all for coming and their great ideas to get this process started.

Next Meeting            July 2, 2015

Adjournment            7:00 PM

Kristina Berger

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Secretary to Comprehensive Plan Update