

NY Forward – Capital Region - Schuylerville

Subject	MINUTES LPC Meeting #4	Date	Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Place	Saratoga Town Hall 12 Spring St, Schuylerville	Time	12:00-2:00pm
Distribution	<u>Local Planning Committee</u> Dan Carpenter, Mayor (co-chair) Michael Lyons (co-chair) Pam Pradachith-Demler Jamie Rock Todd Shimkus Greg Connors Caitlin Johnson Lori Schultz Cindy Wian Alex Zuis (<i>absent</i>) Nathan Kocak	<u>State Team</u> Matthew Smith, DOS	<u>Consultant Team</u> Ian Nicholson, Buro Happold Yara Eliyan, Buro Happold
		<u>Public</u> Cory Heyman +10 individuals	

Meeting Summary:

Please see 'SV_LPC Meeting 4_Slides_record' for the presentation shared during the meeting, which parallels the discussion summarized below.

*Action items are called out in **bold-italic highlight***

Welcome and Agenda

Ian (BH) welcomes the group to the Fourth New York Forward LPC meeting. He briefly overviews the meeting agenda and reminds the room that these meetings are open to the public, but not intended to be public interactive workshops.

Opening Remarks

Mayor Carpenter (LPC Co-Chair) welcomes the LPC, shares his excitement about the submitted projects, and the difficulty in evaluating the projects that all have great potential for Schuylerville.

Code of Conduct

Ian (BH) reads the Code of Conduct preamble, and reviews key points from the Code of Conduct that LPC members are expected to abide by. The list of LPC members recused for each project is presented as well as clarification that the Mayor does not need to recuse himself from the village projects.

Updates: Planning Process & Engagement

Ian (BH) review of what's been done so far, public workshop results, and what is on the horizon (see slides).

- Project info is on the Instagram page and the NYF website.
- Review of engagement with each project and potential project pairings from the workshop and online engagement.

Submitted Projects

Ian (BH) reviews the primary vision of Schuylerville and the associated goals used as evaluation criteria for the submitted projects. A brief overview of the original projects received: 15 initial primary projects total, from 13 distinct sponsors, with \$6.6 million requested for New York Forward funds, leveraging over \$10.3 million in total investment.

Yara (BH) presents each of the submitted project evaluations, public responses, and updates in turn, with discussion among the LPC for each. Project sponsors were given the opportunity to speak to their project if LPC members had questions. The intent was to review evaluations of projects, understand updates, and ask remaining questions to be discussed with the project sponsors.

- A. Champlain Canalway Recreation Hub Connector
 - a. Mayor noting that this project would be a starting point for a larger recreational waterfront vision increasing recreational tourism boosting downtown businesses and potential for year-round activities.
 - b. Emphasis placed by LPC members on the canal offering a family-friendly paddling alternative to the Hudson River, which can be intimidating.
- B. Village of Schuylerville Community Center
 - a. Confirmation that the ball fields will not be affected by the new placement of the community center and will not be disturbed during the construction process. The existing community center would also continue operations during construction.
 - b. Mayor notes regarding the new proposed location that it is consistent with one of the alternate options included in the Fort Hardy Master Plan, so the ultimate direction of that plan would not change significantly – some parts would just be shifted around.
 - c. Correction to specify the space would house the Olde Saratoga Seniors group not the Saratoga Seniors group. Correction has been reflected in the slides.
- C. Village of Schuylerville Wayfinding
 - a. Confirmation ensuring wayfinding would address motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

- b. Discussion regarding the ability to remove signs during the process. Mayor assures they are working with DOT to do so and will confirm jurisdiction of responsibility as part of the process.
 - c. Project management would be through the village for the project – but noting that Projects A and B have allocated administration costs into the estimate to account for a 3rd-party project manager.
- D. Champlain Canal Mosaic Landmark
 - a. Enthusiasm that the combination of this project with the community center will be a high visibility location for the mosaic.
 - b. LPC members question the amount of maintenance that will be needed once installed. Project sponsor clarifies there is no maintenance required due to the specialized materials and structure that will be used for installation.
- E. Broad St to Canal St Walkway
 - a. Suggestion to receive letters of support from each of the building owners affected to confirm project viability if awarded New York Forward funds. Consultant team confirms that this is standard – any Sponsors proposing work to property not fully in their control would be required to provide letters or statements from the relevant parties.
- F. Canal Square Gateway Revitalization
 - a. Discussion of support from the business owners that would be affected by the construction of the project.
- G. Dovegate Inn Accessibility
 - a. Clarification to the public comment about the increase in amount of available lodging. This project does not plan to increase available lodging.
 - b. Suggestion to have an ADA compliant bathroom.
- H. Guest Carriage House
 - a. Discussion regarding the narrowed down scope and confirmation of the matching funds.
 - b. Clarification of the project most likely needing to tear down and rebuild the barn, and changing use proposal as a long-term rental apartment.
- I. Inn at 9 Gables
 - a. No specific comments noted.
- J. Old Saratoga Motor Inn Renovation
 - a. Project sponsor mentions willingness to supplement overall goals and is considering adding an artistic component
- K. Revolution Café Renovation
 - a. Sponsor has been working to procure additional drawings.
- L. The Schuyler Building
 - a. Project sponsor hands out packet of additional information to LPC members.
 - b. Confirmation that the funding source of \$958K requires income-restricted units.
 - c. Discussion of parking and the village's commitment to this scope of the project.
- M. Village Automotive Modernization
 - a. LPC member notes that location is prime in downtown and their business likely brings customers to other businesses downtown.
- N. Yacht Basin Event Barn
 - a. Discussion with the project sponsor about the business viability of the containers.

- b. Project sponsor wants to expand from the current one-bedroom containers to 2-bedroom lodging options for families and groups.
 - c. Confirmation that they are seasonally operational.
 - d. Questions regarding flooding risks. Project sponsor intends for the containers to be unplugged and driven offsite within one day.
- O. 144 Broad St Renovations
- a. No specific comments noted.
- P. Kickstart Café Expansion
- a. Noting that there would be 3 parking spaces removed with the expansion.

Project Evaluation

Ian (BH) presents an overview of the evaluations and updates to projects, noting the projects that could be well suited for the small project fund. Discussion about where small projects fit into the overall process and confirmation that the LPC members would like to move forward with setting up a small project fund. LPC members confirm they will not disqualify any projects in this meeting as they are still within the budgetary range for the Strategic Investment Plan.

LPC Q&A

No specific comments noted.

Public Comment

No specific comments noted.

Next steps

Consultant team will follow up with project sponsors for needed information and work to develop proposals further focusing on feasibility. LPC Meeting #5 will be 10/17 at 6pm in Saratoga Town Hall

Closing Remarks (LPC Co-Chairs)

No specific comments noted.

END OF SUMMARY