

**Town of Geddes**  
**RFP Sub-Committee Minutes**  
**May 8, 2017**

**Members Present**

Daniel Krawczyk - Chairman  
Tim Toomey – Vice Chairman  
Bill Morse – Town Engineer  
Pasqualina Testa - Secretary  
Tracey Baum-Wicks  
Chris Maroney  
Andrew Obernesser  
Josephine Thomas

**Other Members Present**

Kristin Hychka  
Jim Jerome  
Carol Renders-Mathews

**Dan Krawczyk:**

Opened up the meeting at 7:04 pm.

**Dan Krawczyk:**

Introductions... current chair of the RFP Sub-Committee as delegated by Zoning & Planning Chairman Ed Weber. The agenda will be posted on the town website.

**Sub - Committee Member Introductions:**

Josephine Thomas (Westvale)  
Chris Maroney (Lakeland)  
Tracey Baum-Wicks (Westvale)  
Pasqualina Testa (Westvale)  
Tim Toomey (Westvale)  
Andy Obernesser (Westvale) - Consultant  
Bill Morse (Town Engineer)

**Appointment of Sub - Committee Positions:**

Tim Toomey (Assistant Chairman)  
Pasqualina Testa (Secretary)

**Andrew Obernesser:**

Benefits of a comprehensive plan were discussed.

- A comp plan is not heavily regulated by New York State
- Grants are made accessible to towns with comp plans
- A comp plan is good for the community
- A comp plan helps create the community you want
- A comp plan offers land use control
- A comp plan can offer change that is safe, responsible and visually appealing
- RFP Sub-Committee needs to create a list of issues within the given community (Geddes)

**Andrew Obernesser:**

NYS provides information on line ...

- James A. Coon Local Government Technical Series
- NEW YORK STATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DEVELOPMENT A Guidebook for Local Officials 2015

**Andrew Obernesser:**

Geddes issues are not unique as other nearby towns face the same issues.

- Dewitt, N.Y.
- Dunkirk, N.Y.

**Dan Krawczyk**

- Fayetteville, N.Y.

**Josephine Thomas:**

What is the best way to move forward?

**Andrew Obernesser:**

What are the town's most important issues?

- View infrastructure
- Services
- Traffic
- Etc.

**Tracey Baum-Wicks:**

Will data be collected and used to guide our comprehensive plan?

**Andrew Obernesser:**

- Create questions, then search for data
- Air pollution studies are too expensive with no quantitative answer
- Make the most efficient use of what you have
- Best practices are moving toward filling in as opposed to enlarging city, town or county infrastructure
- What's best for the entire town?
- How does it impact the town?

**Bill Morse:**

-A study exists from 2006 on State Fair Blvd. An emailed copy will be provided to each member of the RFP Sub-Committee.

**Andrew Obernesser:**

A town is not obligated to adopt a comprehensive plan however, NYS law favors land use decision evidence of a comprehensive plan.

**Comments from the audience:**

**Jim Jerome (Geddes board member):**

Solvay should be included in the comprehensive plan.

**Carol Renders-Mathews (Geddes citizen):**

How will the comprehensive plan affect Terry Road South, along the border of the Town of Onondaga?

**Kristin Hychka representing (EFC – Environmental Finance Center):**

EFC offers technical assistance to municipalities. Some assistance is free because they are primarily grant funded.

Assistance is offered for issues...

- Environmental
- Waste
- Comprehensive Planning

EFC has an online booklet about creating a comprehensive plan. EFC can help...

- getting started
- funding/assisted resources
- DEC – climate smart communities (grant \$)
- assign responsibilities
- open meeting law
- ID major issues
- compile data (surveys)
- set goals & objectives
- develop, review and implement a plan

**Pasqualina Testa:**

Will Solvay be included in the town's comprehensive plan?

**Dan Krawczyk:**

Yes...a resident of Solvay should be selected to represent that area before the next meeting.

**Dan Krawczyk:**

Members of the RFP Sub Committee are highly encouraged to create a list of issues within the town of Geddes and to read the suggested materials prior to the following meeting on Monday, 5/15/17 @ 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.