

Village of Scottsville Main Street Improvement Study

Steering Committee Meeting
February 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Village/Town Hall

Minutes

Attendance: Michael Souers, Chuck Bryant, Tom Foster, Sarah Kloos, Molly Cook, Susan Church Jamesson, Wendy Marks, Elizabeth Murray and consultants Stuart Brown and Ed Flynn from Stuart I. Brown Associates and Matt Ingalls from Ingalls Planning and Design

Mayor Michael Souers introduced the project, consultants and committee members and welcomed and thanked everyone who attended the meeting

Following the introduction, Ed Flynn from Stuart I. Brown Associates discussed the purpose of the study as well as its scope and then asked committee members to provide comments on their expectations of the project and why it was important. The following comments were provided by committee members:

- Redevelopment of Scottsville's Main Street is important because . . .
 - Residents and businesses are financially and emotionally invested in the Village
 - It can add to the quality of life for residents by providing services, products and vitality
 - Residents deserve to live in a great community
 - It is easily accessible and pedestrian oriented
 - Can provide space for business attraction
 - It can act as a social gathering spot and currently does host community events
 - It provides a link between residential areas and recreational opportunities such as the Genesee River Greenway and Oatka Creek
 - It is an important part of the tax base
- Some advantages of Scottsville and its Main Street include:
 - Historic and architecturally significant buildings
 - Its not like the suburbs and has character
 - High quality of life
 - Walkability and pedestrian connectivity of downtown and adjacent recreational areas
 - Library – it's a community landmark
 - Small School system
 - Safety
 - Nearby recreational and cultural facilities (parks, Mumford)
 - Small Town Atmosphere
- Some weaknesses of Scottsville that need to be addressed or considered include:
 - Empty stores – “I bought into Scottsville when the downtown had businesses”
 - General property maintenance and nuisance issues – developing a “to do” list for DPW and property improvements
 - Parking and associated signage
 - Decrease in schoolchildren and increased school taxes
 - Lack of growth in both Village and Town
 - Decrease in tourism at Mumford
- Some initial “Action Items” , potential improvements or opportunities include:
 - Developing guidelines to improve the “visual infrastructure” of Scottsville
 - Helping property owners understand and employ Historic Preservation principles
 - Maintaining and enhancing the treescape
 - Considering public art

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- Continued publicity and new marketing materials
- Main Street as a destination for tourists and those using the greenways
- Finding funding to facilitate improvements
- Visual compatibility among buildings
- Sustainable development