

**IMAGINE AMHERST
MEETING NOTES**

**PROJECT WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
September 7, 2016**

This meeting is being recorded.

Working Committee Attendees: Dal Guiliani, Chair; Ellen Banks, Duncan Black, Jim Cwierley, Gary Palumbo, Frank Pasztor, and Ramona Popowich

Absent: David Chiazza, Steven Herberger, Brian Kulpa, Carl Montante, Jr., Daniel Ulatowski, Bob White and Jane Woodward

Technical Committee Attendees: Rick Gillert, Gary Black, Brian Andrzejewski, William (Bill) Pidgeon, David Mingoia and Kelly Dixon

Staff Present: Dan Howard, Kim Schueler, Jean Brzezinski, Amy Carrato

Dal Guiliani discussed the ImagineAmherst presentation that was given at the Town Board meeting on September 6, 2016.

Lee played the video that was created by Annette Herman from Homerun Creative. This will be on social media. He discussed the project status, the scope of the project, the charette process and schedule.

Ramona Popowich questioned the word Charette, the transitioning from residential to commercial areas and stated that people are skeptical about the lunch and learn sessions.

Lee explained that Charette is putting all experts in one room together, the big final push; we need to explore what kind of rules we will need in place to get to our final vision and that the lunch and learn sessions and explained that form based codes are zoning.

Dal Guiliani asked for more information on the stakeholder meeting. Lee reviewed the slides on the stakeholder meeting. Dan Howard stated if anyone is interested or knows anyone who would be interested in being a stakeholder to please contact him.

Lee asked the committee to not sit together but to please sit with the public.

Bill Pidgeon questioned parking, stated structured parking may be needed. Lee discussed structured parking/tucked parking, stated may be needed for buildings over 3 stories.

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Lee discussed the plans to inform the public of the Charrette including the mailing to property owners within 600 feet on a selected site, posters, social media/email, press releases and contacting homeowner associations.

Ellen Banks suggested contacting churches to help inform residents.

Lee stated he is hoping to get Daemen College involved.

Brian Andrzejewski suggested contacting all area colleges.

The next Joint Committee Meeting will be on September 27.

The public in attendance was asked if they had any questions:

Mary Shapiro stated all Charette information should be on the town website and announced at all town meetings. She also questioned shallow lot driveways and stated shallow lots should have driveway connections. Mary asked why are we competing with Buffalo.