



Village of New Glarus Comprehensive Plan New Glarus ETZ Committee Prioritization Exercise February 22, 2016

1. WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF NEW GLARUS? In answering this question, you might think about:

What New Glarus in the year 2035 looks and feels like

How the community functions

What New Glarus' best future features are

How the community inspires residents, land owners and businesses to improve their lives

RESPONSES:

- Greater business park development; keep residents in the community for jobs so they will spend more money and interact more with their neighbors
 - Not necessarily a new large business, but perhaps smaller ones that supply one another and help grow local entrepreneurs
- Keep New Glarus ethnically special; its more Swiss than some in Switzerland
- Active, engaged community
- Continue to cultivate next generation of community leaders
 - Chamber and resident activists/volunteers are what drives community
 - Sources of fostering and communicating community pride
 - Maintain the same sense of collaboration that has existed between the Brewery and local bars and restaurants

2. WHAT INITIATIVES SHOULD THE VILLAGE PRIORITIZE OVER THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS? In answering this question, you might want to think about:

Land use or zoning

Economic development

Redevelopment

Tourism

Housing

Neighborhood development

Historic preservation

Transportation

Recreation and community activities

Resource protection

Community services

Public facilities

Utilities & stormwater management

Intergovernmental relations

RESPONSES:

- Make sure we are not too dependent on one business for future success; diversify
- Redevelopment of Downtown/Backtown area, from lumberyard to the north
 - Does this area need a 2nd access to Highway 69?
- Enhance business/site appearance at community entryways
- Look at more housing opportunities for 55+ in a lower-density feel (e.g. duplex condominiums)
 - Could this fit on the current Village garage site?
- Dog park
 - Could be a joint Village-Town project
 - Village hearings suggested some Town resident support, but may need to be confirmed (may be a difference of opinion)
- Potential joint public works garage
 - Village, Town, County currently have separate sites in the Backtown area
 - Combine and relocate to CTH W site at northeast edge of Village?
- Possible incentives for property owners to treat ash trees for EAB

3. WHAT INITIATIVES DOES YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION HAVE FOR THE NEXT 1, 5, OR 10 YEARS? How can these initiatives be advanced or coordinated through the Village and its updated Comprehensive Plan?

RESPONSES:

- Discuss possibility of merging Village and Town governments within comp plan
- Town has not discussed updating its comprehensive plan to date
- Not currently pressure for new subdivisions in Town, but do want to be prepared
- Perhaps the Village and Town can stand shoulder-to-shoulder in supporting State law changes (or not) that are more supportive of local control
- Town is currently purchasing a building in the Village for a new Town Hall