

Comprehensive Plan Meeting- March 30, 2017

- Welcome
- What is a comprehensive plan? Why is it important? Benefits? Goals?
 - A comprehensive plan is not a law. It is an expression of a community's goals and the recommended actions to achieve those goals. An outline for orderly growth, providing continued guidance for decision making. A document focusing on immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development. – NYS Division of Local Government Services
 - State Statutes define a comprehensive plan as “the materials, written and/or graphic, including but not limited to maps, charts, studies, resolutions, reports, and other descriptive material that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices, and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development” of the municipality.- NYS Division of Local Government Services
 - Land use regulations by the Town must be in accordance with the plan.
 - Other government agencies shall consider the town's plan while proposing capital projects.
 - Helpful with the annual budget, capital plan, and grant applications
 - Helpful with growth management and prioritizing work
- Timeline of work on new Draft Plan
 - In late Fall of 2013, the town put together a survey of residents to solicit input with regard to the demographics and needs of our community.
 - In January 2014, the Planning Board gave their draft of the Town Board
 - In Spring of 2014, the Town Board created a new committee “to develop and refine the Comprehensive Plan in the form it needs to be to bring to the Town Board for approval.”
 - *Councilperson Carpenter moved, with a second by Councilperson Howe-Strait to form a working committee to develop the charge and to develop structure so work can continue on the Comprehensive Plan, with Councilperson McGee as chairperson, and as many Planning Board members as were interested and town residents who were interested in working on the Plan. It would be the focus group to develop and refine the Comprehensive Plan in the form it needs to be to bring to the Town Board for approval.- Town Board Minutes- 2/2/2014*
 - In Summer of 2014, the new committee began meeting and taking further public input.
 - In Spring of 2015 the committee began reviewing and refining the goals and actions in the draft plan.
 - Fall of 2015, development of the narrative portion of the sections (the part that describes the current conditions that necessitate the goals and actions) began.
 - Late Summer 2016, the draft sections were available to the committee for editing and comments. Throughout the Fall, changes were made to reflect those additions and comments.

- Discussion of Draft Plan sections provided- Start thinking about the following:
 - Should answer these questions:
 - What is this town?
 - What does it want to be?
 - How can it become that?
 - What will we do to become or remain that?
- Existing plan from 2000
 - How does it compare?
 - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT)-
 - Newfield Plan had this and it seemed to me like an important piece to include.
 - Vision Statements, Goals, Actions
- Plan Needs-
 - A financial plan. What is our community's long-range financial plan?
 - More definitive language about our intentions?
 - A simpler representation of the statistics information
 - Flood Plan consideration
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- Section needs-
 - Vision Statements- some enhanced wording
 - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats- is anything missing?
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 - Solutions to Weaknesses and Threats- are there goals and actions missing based on the SWOT?
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 - Unrealized Opportunities and ways to capitalize on Strengths- Are there goals and actions missing based on this?
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 - Comparison to 2000 Plan- Are there goals and actions that have not been met from the current plan that should continue to be included in the new plan?
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- Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn- 8:15 PM