

The Town Board of the Town of Washington, in conjunction with the Town Planning Board, is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been appointed to the Comprehensive Master Plan Review Committee:

Co Chairs:

Thomas Beaumont

Donald Hanson is a 39 year resident of the Town of Washington, and has served on the Town Planning Board for 17 years. His son and daughter were raised here and are graduates of the Millbrook Central School District. He is a retired newspaper executive.

Members:

Robert Audia: I am a lifelong resident of the town, married for 35 years. My wife and I have 3 children. I own and operate, with my brother, Audia Motor Sales, founded by our father in 1947 and currently employ 28 people. I have served on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals for over 30 years. I am currently serving as a town Councilman, Director of the Bank of Millbrook and trustee of the Maplebrook School in Amenia.

The Town of Washington is where I have lived and raised my family and I feel privileged to serve and help keep it the special place it is.

Jeremy (Jerry) Baker has lived in the Town of Washington since 1992. Jeremy was appointed to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals in January, 2003 and still serves on that board. In 1999, Jerry and his wife, Lynn, sold their mail order business founded for the purpose of designing, manufacturing and selling recreational products for elderly victims of dementia and a younger population with learning disabilities. For 30 years prior to 1990 he worked in various facets of the computer industry. He is currently learning the ESRI/ArcGIS software in order to make this powerful mapping/analysis tool available to the Comprehensive Master Plan Review Committee. He is especially pleased to have been offered the opportunity to help preserve the special character of our town by serving on this important committee.

Jesse Bontecou moved to Millbrook in 1927 at the age of one. He now owns and manages Rally Farms, a 2400 acre pure bred Angus farm located in the towns of Washington and Stanford.

He served on the Stanford Town Board for 10 years, Director of the Bank of Millbrook for 32 years and a founding Board member of the Dutchess Day School.

He served on the original Planning Board for the Town of Washington and as was then, is very interested in the many facets of good planning. He hopes that many of the residents will take a serious interest in the whole Planning process.

Frank Genova is a retired Agronomist having worked for many years for Agway, Inc., a Northeastern Farmers Cooperative. Mr. Genova was proactive in the efforts to pass the regulations requiring the Certification of Pesticide Applicators both commercial and private. In a rare instance, he was a holder of four categories of certification and was active in attaining interstate reciprocity for commercial certification.

Mr. Genova served on the joint Town of Washington/Village of Millbrook Planning Board, has worked with the 1987 Master Plan Committee and furnished the required town map depicting the “Prime Agricultural Soils” and the “Soils of Statewide Importance.” Mr. Genova has been a member of the following councils since their inception: The Wappinger Creek Intermunicipal Council, the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council, and the Town of Washington Conservation Advisory Commission. Mr. Genova attended the Community Leadership Alliance Program at the Pace Law School. He is a long time member and participant of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service and associated with the Dutchess County Soil and Water Cons. Service.

He was active on the committee to convert the town landfill to a transfer station. The concerted effort of this committee and the Town Board deflected a strongly proposed county wide landfill, which would have negatively impacted the quality of life in the town.

Mr. Genova is the liaison between the CAC and the Planning Board. He believes that the intelligent use and protection of our natural resources is the key to our quality of life.

Maureen King has been a resident of the Town of Washington for 25 years. She has been an administrator at Vassar College since 1993. Her 2 children attended both public and private schools in Millbrook. In her capacity at Vassar, she has overseen a purchasing policy designed to support local farms and preserve open space. She has been an active member of the community volunteering for Meals on Wheels. She serves on two boards: The Millbrook Arts Group and Grace Smith House.

Tim Marshall is a 45 year resident of the Town of Washington. He is the operator of the family owned farm, Bos-Haven, consisting of 350 acres with 200 additional acres of rented land. Presently, he is a member of the Town of Washington Conservation Advisory Commission and is a past member of the D.C. Soil and Water Board.

Karen Mosca, a village of Millbrook resident for twenty-five years, has been a long-term community volunteer. While raising her family in Millbrook, she has done volunteer work for numerous youth groups involving her children's participation in sports and community activities. She has served on the Millbrook Library Board and the Tribute Garden Scholarship Committee. Having taught at St. Joseph School in Millbrook for eight years, she has been employed by the Dover Union Free School District for the last twenty-two years. She is a Reading Specialist with the district and currently serves on several district committees. She is president of the Dover-Wingdale Teachers' Association and secretary of the Dutchess County United Teacher's Council.

James Shequine is a retired Industrial Engineer, with a BSME from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. His work experience includes: Industrial Engineer, Chief, responsible for the 5 headquarter divisions of The Stanley Works, with more than 6,000 employees; Senior manufacturing executive with three major companies in size from 5,000 employees down to 85 employees; Executive Vice President with Shatz-Federal Bearing Co.; and a Consultant Lecturer, participating in Pricing seminars throughout North America sponsored by Business Week Magazine.

Mr. Shequine was awarded "Man of the Year" by House and Home Magazine for work which introduced modern manufacturing methods to the home building industry.

Mr. Shequine has been a resident of the Town of Washington or the Village of Millbrook for over 35 years. He has served on the Planning Board for 7 years. He is President of the Millbrook Hollow Condominium Association. Mr. Shequine has also served on the Board of Directors for the Dutchess County American Red Cross.

David Strayer is a freshwater ecologist at the Institute of Ecosystem Studies, where he has worked since 1983. He has a B.S. in Zoology from Michigan State University, and a Ph. D. in Ecology from Cornell University. Dave and his family have lived in Millbrook since 1992. He has held faculty appointments at SUNY – Albany, Rutgers University, Bard College, and Ohio Northern University, and was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dave has served on a number of regional, national, and international scientific committees, and was a member of the Conservation Advisory Committee for New Paltz in the late 1980s. His full professional resume is available at <http://www.ecostudies.org/images/scientists/cvs/Strayer.pdf>.

Dan Weller graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1964 with a degree in Forest Land Management. After graduation, he was hired

by the New York State Environmental Conservation Department and moved to New York with his family.

In 1968, Dan was promoted to DEC's Millbrook office and moved here, where both of his boys were raised and educated in the Millbrook public school system. One son, his wife and three children live in Millbrook.

In 1980, Dan was promoted to Chief Forester. Though the position was based in Albany, he and his family continued to live in Millbrook. In the Chief Forester position, Dan was responsible for developing statewide management programs for New York's 18 million acres of state and private forests. Dan retired in 2000, after working 36 years for the DEC.

Locally, Dan served 5 years on the Millbrook Shade Tree Commission. He is serving his third year as a member of the Town of Washington Conservation Advisory Commission.

Dan says "Having spent the better portion of my life living in Millbrook, I can readily state that this is a wonderful town in which to live, raise a family and retire. I feel privileged to be a part of a process planning for its future."