

## **Town of Washington Master Plan Committee**

January 31, 2008

The Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee held an organizational workshop meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2008, 7:30 P.M., at the Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street, Millbrook, New York.

Master Plan Committee members present: Dr. Thomas Beaumont, Co-Chairman, Donald Hanson, Co-Chairman, Neil Wilson, Planning Consultant, Frank Genova, Robert Audia, Daniel Weller, Timothy Marshall, Jerry Baker, Karen Mosca, Maureen King, David Strayer.

Co-Chair Beaumont's opening remarks were about phases review. Pursue Phase I - data collection, compare to the 1987 plan. Review different areas of what the '87 plan was then and is now. To ask public for their input, Pace, others.

Sub-committee reports by Chairs:

Karen Mosca, Housing Committee Chair- members, Leslie Rollins, Jim Tyger, Theresa Maggiacomo

reviewed County census, comparing with '87 plan  
data collection information gathering will bring in more members

Timothy Marshall, Land Use Committee Chair- Co-Chair- Jesse Bontecou, members, Howard Schuman, Peter Groffman

reviewed Town tax data, source - Dutchess County Planning Dept.  
listed agricultural properties by code, types of enterprises  
by codes, properties zoned above fifty acres, presented map of  
Protected Land in Town of Washington and surrounding towns, (conservation  
easements) approximately 35,000 acres or 14%,  
also tax bill map showing tax bills mailed out of Town

Daniel Weller, Transportation Chair - member, Tom Beaumont  
contacted Department of Transportation, compared '87 plan to  
changes that have occurred, gravel roads decreasing density,  
impact of Port of Authority controlling Stewart Airport

David Strayer, Natural Resources Committee Chair - members Scott  
Tumblety, Frank Genova, Peter Groffman, Dan Weller  
draft outline for 2008 Natural Resources that include Geology,  
Topography, Soils, Water, introduced two new resources,  
Biodiversity, Scenery, soils, water, are the same as '87 plan  
scenic roads are not included in draft outline, to be included  
Visual Assessment Mapping Series would be helpful,  
Town Clerk has copy

Maureen King, Population Committee Chair - members, Jay Van Alen,  
Margo Teter, Kate Farrell  
focused on Town of Washington, obtained latest numbers online from

Departments of Health, Education, plans to obtain info from County  
Jerry Baker, Natural, Cultural, Resources Committee Chair - members,  
Didi Bennett

Frank Genova spoke to educating the public in understanding this plan is  
a blueprint, only, not a set of ordinances

Consultant Wilson spoke about a community survey

Co-Chair Beaumont expressed that the Committee is looking for grant  
money to aid the committee, will draft Hudson Valley Greenway, Mike  
Hagerty, Dyson Foundations are interested in helping, NYState grants  
available for agricultural development

Co-Chair Hanson explained that a list is being developed to help with  
Phase 2 and 3 of professionals to develop a community survey, narrowing  
the list to four consultant companies who will formulate a plan

Co-Chair Hanson spoke to his meeting with Dr. Jaeger, Millbrook High School, to  
involve special senior Civics Class. It was suggested to develop  
a power point for road presentation. Committee member Strayer, has capability of signing  
out from IES

The next workshop meeting is scheduled for February 28, '08, 7:30 P.M.  
at the Millbrook Fire House. The workshop was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Nikki Caul, secretary