

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Comprehensive Plan Update Committee
February 28, 2008

The Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee held an organizational workshop meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at the Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front St., Millbrook, NY.

The following Master Plan Committee members were present: Co-Chairs Thomas Beaumont and Donald Hanson, Planning Consultant Neil Wilson, James Shequine, Frank Genova, Robert Audia, Daniel Weller, Timothy Marshall, Jerry Baker, Karen Mosca, David Strayer and Jesse Bontecou.

Co-Chair Beaumont discussed the possibility of Millbrook High School students assisting with the Emergency Services Plan. Matthew Rochfort, Millbrook Fire Co. President and Chris Hawks, Fire Chief will serve on this committee. Dr. William Augerson, Maj. General Air Force, Ret., has also agreed to serve on this committee. Dr. Augerson has a substantial background on planning for natural and manmade disasters.

The Master Plan Update Committee has applied for \$10,000 in grant monies with Hudson Valley Greenway. Grant Writer Michael Hagerty is to hear whether the grant has been funded by March 13th.

Co-Chair Hanson said the committee is beginning work on a Request for Proposals to be used in selecting a planning consultant after the data has been collected.

Sub-committee reports by Chairs:

Karen Mosca, Housing Committee Chair announced the addition of Paula Redmond to the sub-committee. Committee reviewed contents and data of Chapter 5 of the 1987 Plan. They are working to have their data as current to 2008 as possible.

Timothy Marshall, Land Use Committee Chair and Co-Chair Jesse Bontecou presented a copy of the Town of Washington Habitat Map obtained from the Dutchess Land Conservancy, taken from the Hudsonia study showing wooded areas, developed areas, etc..

Jerry Baker, Natural and Cultural Resources Committee Chair is drafting a letter to municipal and cultural organizations. Twenty one organizations have been identified in the Town and Village. Mr. Baker suggested that a special committee be implemented to identify historical aspects of the community.

Daniel Weller, Transportation Committee Chair, is gathering data on public transportation, traffic studies and road improvements. He will meet with Highway Superintendent Jim Brownell regarding town roads (gravel, paved and scenic roads).

Consultant Wilson said the update committee should be looking for data trends, but should stay focused on the data collection at this time.

David Strayer, Natural Resources Committee Chair is to meet next week to update sections on the outline distributed at the last meeting. Mr. Genova, member of this sub-committee, spoke about soils not changing. He will obtain a soil survey and evaluate the data.

Co-Chair Beaumont spoke regarding the plan for future public hearings. When all the data is gathered, the committee will hold Public Hearings on each of the various sections of the plan.

The next workshop meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2008, 7:30 PM, at the Millbrook Fire House. The workshop was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Nikki Caul, Secretary