

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Comprehensive Master Plan Committee
March 27, 2008

The Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee held an organizational workshop meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008, 7:30 PM, at the Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street, Millbrook, NY.

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

The Emergency Services Committee will include Matthew Rochfort, Millbrook Fire Co. President, Fire Chief Chris Hawks, Dr. William Augerson, Timothy Marshall and Thomas Beaumont. They will begin to gather data that immediately affects the Town. Unfortunately, it was reported that due to the lack of interest, there will be no student participation. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 14th.

The following individuals: Neil Wilson, Stephen Lynch, Thomas Beaumont, Frank Genova, Donald Hanson and Kate Farrell are reviewing the proposal that will be forthcoming for the selection of future consultants. When completed the Request for Proposals will be advertised in the newspaper, posted on the Town website, the New York Planning Federation website and will be available in the Town Clerk's office.

Maureen King, Housing Committee Chair, met with Tom Beaumont and Neil Wilson to help her committee to obtain current statistics.

Sub-committee reports by Chairs:

Jerry Baker, Natural, Cultural Resources Committee sent a letter out to 23 local groups to get highlights of their activities. More information will be forthcoming when responses are received.

Daniel Weller, Transportation Committee Chair is working on updating traffic counts for years '05, '06, '07. Approximately 35% of his report is completed regarding new data collection.

Timothy Marshall, Land Use Committee Chair is working on parcel ownership and the economic impact of agricultural properties in the Town. The map shown at the last meeting provides a great deal of information.

Frank Genova working with David Strayer, Natural Resources Committee Chair has had two meetings. The Agricultural Report is available on a computer disc. They are working on data collection including the protection of prime soils, woodland productivity, wildlife, habitat and construction management. Four additional maps are needed to cover the Town's fringe areas.

Karen Mosca, Housing Committee Chair has compared new data collected to the old plan, has adjusted tables, including housing costs. Population changes for '07 are currently not available for small towns. Town assessment records helped in the definition of housing units. Charts gave in depth information. From the year 2000 forward the committee will require sources for current information.

Co-Chair Beaumont was pleased to announce that through the efforts of Michael Hagerty, the Town has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Hudson Valley Greenway Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2008, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall. The workshop adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Nikki Caul, secretary