

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Master Plan Update Committee

The Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee held a workshop meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook, NY.

Master Plan Committee members present: Co-Chair Thomas Beaumont, Co-Chair Donald Hanson, Consultant Neil Wilson, Robert Audia, Jerry Baker, Jesse Bontecou, Frank Genova, Maureen King, Timothy Marshall, Karen Mosca, James Shequine, Daniel Weller.

Co-Chair Beaumont reported on the progress of the disaster preparedness plan, and newly created Emergency Services Committee. Committee members met with Ken Davidson E-911 response coordinator. They have received disaster preparedness plans from Town of Poughkeepsie and Pleasant Valley. Fire Chief Christopher Hawks and Fire Company President Matthew Rochfort will provide information regarding the fire company and the ambulance squad.

Co-Chair Hanson spoke on the search for professional consultants. Rough drafts of the Request for Proposals from professionals have been ongoing and will be completed by the end of May. Hopefully the selection of the professional or professionals will be made by early fall. A budget will be submitted. The consultants will conduct a mailed survey to all town and village property owners. Subsequently, public input meetings will be held.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Frank Genova, Natural Resources Committee: Spoke about geology features of town soils. Daniel Weller spoke regarding a bio-diversity draft report.

Daniel Weller, Transportation Committee: Working on the impact of gravel roads and has received further information the DOT.

Tim Marshall and Jesse Bontecou, Land Use Committee: With the help of Howard Schuman, sub-committee member gave a report on parcel distribution. It was interesting to note that since 1987 there has been approximately 5% growth in the Town. The Land Use Committee is to meet with the Natural Resources Committee to coordinate their efforts.

Jerry Baker, Municipal and Cultural Resources Committee: Reported that 24 organizations were contacted and has received responses from approximately half of those contacted.

Maureen King, Population and Demographics Committee: Using the 2000 Census information, the committee noted changes in populations of some surrounding areas. The committee is reviewing a breakdown of information on birth rate, economic statistics, employment, occupations, undocumented workers, owner/renter, etc.

Karen Mosca, Housing Committee: Continuing to gather more data regarding affordable housing, subdivision/cluster housing in adjacent communities. Both Housing Committee and Population Committee are to hold a combined meeting to share information.

The next workshop is scheduled for May 29, 2008, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall. The workshop adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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