

Comprehensive Planning Committee
Regular Meeting
June 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

The Committee met with *Elan Planning & Design of Saratoga Springs NY*. Planners Lisa Nagle & Kate Mance addressed the Committee. They stated that they specialize in dealing with rural towns. They have worked with Copake and Pine Plains. They feel that the community needs to be involved with the process from the beginning of the plan and they will insist on this. They feel that the zoning plan will need to be rewritten. For some of the problems with the town; ie. intersections, vacant buildings and hamlet expansion, they would have to bring in engineers, and bring in the public for their opinions. They can devote themselves to Ancram. They can help Ancram apply for Grants.

Comments: The committee was impressed with Elan, but was a little concerned by the emphasis Elan's principal placed on "having fun" during the comprehensive planning process. The committee and members of the community who attended the presentation commented they would have liked to hear more about problem solving from Elan. The Committee felt Elan may be overwhelmed at the Committee meetings. There was a sense that Elan would not be proactive enough during the planning process. The Committee did like the focus on community involvement that Elan strived for, as well as that they did not over promise or over commit. They seemed realistic.

A motion was made by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Chase to adjourn. Motion carried.