

Comprehensive Planning Committee Report to the Town Board – August 9, 2007

1. Based on the Town Board's approval at its July 12, 2007 meeting, the Comprehensive Planning Committee has retained Community Planning and Environmental Associates as the consultant to assist the Town with the Comprehensive Plan. Contracts were reviewed and revised by Town Attorney Jason Shaw and signed by Gerald Roberts, the Deputy Town Supervisor on 8/8/07.
2. Mr. Roberts also signed a contract with the NYS Geographic Information System (GIS) Data Sharing Cooperative which will give Ancram access to the State's Geographic Information System data for use in preparing maps and analyses related to the Comprehensive Plan.
3. The Comprehensive Planning Committee has received, reviewed and approved a proposal from the NY State Rural Water Association to conduct a groundwater study in Ancram. This study will take approximately 16 weeks to complete, and will be available for presentation to the Town in January or February 2008. The water study will identify where groundwater resources can and cannot support development, identify potential contamination risks to groundwater and document and map known aquifers. This study will cost approximately \$6500 and will be funded within the approved Comprehensive Plan budget of \$59,800.
4. Comprehensive Planning Committee member Nancy Broe has submitted her resignation from the Committee. The Committee suggests that the Town Board propose possible replacements for Ms. Broe. With the Town Board's approval, I will also ask the Committee to suggest possible candidates for the Board's consideration.
5. We have revised the Comprehensive Planning Budget, eliminating funding for legal fees, as the Town Attorney will handle routine legal matters related to the Comprehensive Plan, and allocating funds to support the water study, and reduces the contingency category accordingly. The total Budget of just under \$60,000 has not changed.