

Comprehensive Plan Committee Town Board Update - 3/20/08

1. Major Activities -- We have met regularly over the past month to analyze the results of the questionnaire, review the Water Study, finalize the Town of Ancram 2030 Vision Statement and develop the goals and strategies to implement the Vision. Art Bassin and Gene Aleinikoff of the Comp Plan Committee met with the Ancram Preservation Group on 3/16 to discuss issues of joint interest related to historic preservation, the 82/7 intersection in Ancram and the deteriorating properties in the center of Ancram.

2. Next Public Meeting – We have scheduled a Public Meeting at Town Hall for Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM to review progress and activities since the workshops, to present summaries of the surveys and the water study and to go over and get reactions from the community to our draft Vision for Ancram in 2030 and our draft Goals. Invitations and background materials will be mailed out in early April.

3. Grant Applications – We have not yet heard back on either the \$25,000 Farmland Protection Grant or our application for a \$21,000 grant to support economic development. We had hoped to hear back on the economic development grant by the end of February, and expect something to happen soon. We have been told the Farmland protection Grant may be funded as soon as the end of April, if the State budget is approved by then.

4. Next Meetings – We plan to meet at on 3/24 with individuals and firms in the gravel mining business to help educate the Committee on the issues related to gravel mining. The Committee will meet again on 3/31 to finalize the 2030 Vision and Goals.

5. Budget – Through the end of February we had spent \$32,000 of the \$60,000 Comprehensive Planning budget.