

*Historic Farming Community Moving Forward*



*“The town’s big project this year is to review our Comprehensive Plan and set our priorities for the next 10 years.*

*Together, we’ve done a lot—check out the chart on pages 2 & 3.*

*Your neighbors make up our Comp Plan Review Committee. Members are listed on page 4 along with the 2010 Comp Plan and Zoning Revisions Committees.*

***Come to a workshop: Saturday March 17 or Tuesday April 3!***

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**-Art Bassin  
Ancram Supervisor  
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## Keeping Ancram the way it is... only better!

That’s the future we decided to build together back in 2010 when we adopted Ancram’s first ever Comprehensive Plan!

We had found by talking to one another in workshops and through our survey that we all *like* our town - our open spaces and farming heritage, our natural resources and what they contribute to our quality of life here, our historic and cultural heritage. We just wanted some improvements.



But to make the improvements we all wanted, we knew we had to make some changes. Here’s how we made it happen, in a nutshell:

1. Managed our finances and organization to keep town taxes flat (they actually declined!) and to develop the resources to invest in our facilities, roads and equipment.
2. To keep everyone informed and involved, implemented an extensive communications program based on *AncramTownNews*, *Ancramemails*, *AncramDirectory*. Sponsored many more events at Town Hall.
3. Developed new resources to help identify, manage and fund our progress by encouraging volunteers, getting grants, and attracting donations. Turn the page to see what we did! 
4. Revised Zoning to support the Comp Plan and our vision of the future—our step-by-step approach to accomplishing the first zoning changes in 40 years shown below.

## Zoning and Land Subdivision Laws revised 2011-2017 to support Comp Plan. Zoning Revisions Committee members listed on p. 4.

We took a step-by-step approach so that our Zoning Revisions Committee of volunteers could consider details carefully and Town residents could more easily participate in sections of greatest interest to them.

First, the 1972 Zoning Ordinance was revised and adopted by the Town Board in 5 separate packages:

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| Package 1 - July 21, 2011                            | (Sections I, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII)   |
| Package 2 - October 20, 2011.                        | (Sections V (I), XIII)                    |
| Package 3 - September 20, 2012 and October 18, 2012. | (Sections II, III, IV (B), IV (I), V (J)) |
| Package 4 - February 21, 2013                        | (Sections IV, V, V (J) (10))              |
| Package 5 - June 19, 2014.                           | (Section V (H))                           |

Second, the 5 packages were combined into one Zoning Law, adopted on November 20, 2014.

Third, Land Subdivision Regulations were handled separately. Regulations were adopted in preliminary form in 2015, and then reconfigured, finalized, and adopted as Local Law #3 of 2017, June 2017.

**Rather than waiting another 40 years, the Town intends to refine or add regulations as the need arises.**

# Ancram Comprehensive Plan

## Accomplishments 2010 to 2018:

Working together - Volunteers, Donors, Town Board and Staff

### 2007: Ancram Residents Identify Their Priorities

Important to me

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Protect ground water (for drinking)  | 94% |
| Protect streams, ponds, wetlands     | 92% |
| Maintain open space                  | 90% |
| Encourage agriculture                | 90% |
| Protect woodlands                    | 84% |
| Use alternative forms of energy      | 79% |
| Protect ridge tops from development  | 76% |
| Promote a sense of community         | 78% |
| Improve Town Government              | 77% |
| Preserve historic sites              | 74% |
| Provide senior citizen services      | 68% |
| Expand youth activities and services | 60% |
| Expand recreation & parks            | 60% |
| Support hunting and fishing          | 55% |
| Improve town roads                   | 71% |
| Improve the town centers             | 66% |
| Improve traffic safety               | 64% |
| Support affordable housing           | 58% |
| Attract business and jobs            | 56% |
| Encourage residential development    | 27% |

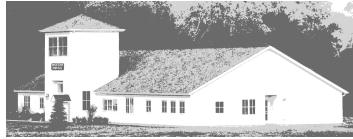
land

community

infra-structure

| 2010   | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014                                 | 2015   | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   |
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| Conservation Advisory Council starts   | Townwide Biodiversity Map—CAC Volunteers & Grants 2008—2015 |   | CAC Tour: Vernal Pools                          |                                      | <b>Natural Resource Conservation Plan</b>                                  | Climate Smart Community Task Force starts   | Elec.Vehicle Charge Station Donation & Grant  | Climate Smart Community Designation—\$80,000 grant   |
| Drowned Lands Swamp 112 acs.   | Wind Power Law  | Roundball Mtn extended to 421 acs.              |   | Lower Rhoda Lake water quality study |  |   | Overmountain Conservation Area 1290-acre don. | Watershed Plan & Culvert Inventory \$35,000 DEC grant  |
| —Additional acreage conserved through private easements in Ancram—               |   |   |   |                                      |  |   |   |  |
| 75   | 304   | 11  | 258   | 87                                   | Protecting Ancram's Scenic Views - Brochure                                |   | NYS Solar Permit                              |  |
| Solar Panels at Town Hall  | Hillrock Distillery   |   | Jacuterie at Herondale                          | Chaseholm Farm Store                 |  |   | Doodletown Wildlife Mgmt Area 317 ac.         |  |
| Agriculture Advisory Council starts  | <b>Agriculture &amp; Farmland Protection Plan</b>           | Ancram Farming Map & Program starts             | Ancram Historic Farm Tour                       | Farm Tour with CLC                   |  | Right to Farm Law                           | <u>Farmland protection thru CLC</u> 210 acres | 208 acres  |
| Ancram Emails, Newsletter, & Directory start                                     | Ethics Law Memorial Walkway at Town Hall - Donations        | Historic Inventory - Donations                  | <b>Heritage Resources Development Plan</b>      |                                      |  | <b>Ancram Historic District Designation</b> | Winterfest Celebration                        | Ancramdale Historic District Designation Expected  |
| Financial Advisory Council starts  | Playground at Town Hall - Donations                         | Ancram Community Days                           | Union Cemetery Fence Renovation                 | Rollins House Renovation Tour        | Ancram Opera House begins productions                                      | Freehold Cemetery Renovation                | Simon's Store renovation                      |  |
| Property Revaluation Review  | Kids' Camp & start of BBQ Fundraiser                        | Ancram Angels 1994-2012 Rescue Squad Fundraiser |   |                                      | Kids' Camp & Pool free starting in 2015 through Donations and Town support |   | Pool Improvements                             | Rail Trail extends through Boston Corner connecting Millerton to Ancram - starts Summer 2018 |
| Paint Town Hall  |   | Town Hall Historic Vestibule-Donations          | Display/Event One-room SchoolHouses             | Display/Event Rail Tales             | Display/Event Home Grown Ancram Farms                                      | Display/Event Natural Resources             | Display/Event Ancram Veterans                 |  |
| Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors: starts w. Food Baskets & School Supplies |   | NHN adds: Backpack Weekend Food                 | NHN adds: Weekly Food Distribution              | NHN adds: Grants for Youth Educ.     | NHN: Rolling Food Pantry NY designation                                    |   | NHN adds: Grants for Adult Educ.              |  |
| Ancram Community Clean-up Day at Town Garage                                     |   |   |   |                                      |  | continuing                                  |   |  |
| Road Clean-up Day organized by Ancramdale Neighbors Network                      |   |   |   |                                      |  | continuing                                  |   | Highway Construction Stndrds Law   |
| <b>Community Development Strategic Plan - 2009 \$35K grant</b>                   |   | Building Permit Brochure                        | Firehouse Renovation                            | 75th Fire Co. Anniversary            | Unsafe Building Law  |   | Energy Code Training for Bldg Dept            | Habitat for Humanity 2 Houses in Ancramdale For Ag/Rural Families                            |
| Highway Garage Expansion & Renovation  | Salt Shed built within Historic Milk House                  |   | 82/7 Project to improve intersection visibility | Stiehle House Silhouettes            | Culvert Study: Environmental Conservation & Climate Change                 | DEC Culvert Grant \$220,000: Pat's Road     | Hall Hill Rd                                  | Culvert Priorities \$35K DEC Grant   |
|  |   |   |   |                                      | Two New Plow Trucks  |   | New Tractor/Mower, Dump Truck/Plow            | New Road Grader  |

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**Ancram  
Comprehensive  
Plan** *March 2018*

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*Volunteers are our  
greatest resource.  
Would you like to join in?*

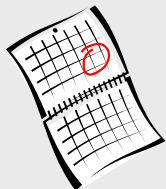
- ◆ *Comp Plan*
- ◆ *Hamlet Planning*
- ◆ *Rail Trail through  
Boston Corner*
- ◆ *Boards, Councils*

**Contact Art Bassin  
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*By the way, if you are not  
yet getting your news by  
email, please let me know.  
It will save the town  
money and keep you  
more up-to-date!*

**Comp Plan  
Calendar**



**Come to a workshop!  
March 17 or April 3**

**2010 Comprehensive Plan  
Committee 2007-10**

Art Bassin, Chair  
Barry Chase, Vice Chair  
Suzanne Bressler  
Hugh Clark  
Bonnie Hundt  
Kyle Lougheed  
Don MacLean  
Jim Miller  
Leah Wilcox

**Zoning Revisions  
Committee 2011-2017**

Hugh Clark, Chair  
Barry Chase, Vice Chair  
Terry Boyles  
Barbara Gaba

Donna Hoyt  
Kyle Lougheed  
Bonnie Hundt  
Don MacLean  
Bob Mayhew  
Jim Miller  
Bob Roche  
Jane Shannon  
Dennis Sigler

**Subdivision Regulations  
Revision Committee '15-'17**

Hugh Clark, Chair  
Terry Boyles  
Barry Chase  
John Ingram  
Don MacLean  
Bob Roche  
Dennis Sigler

**2018 Comprehensive Plan  
Review Committee**

Art Bassin, co-chair  
Hugh Clark, co-chair  
Sue Bassin  
Terry Boyles  
Suzan Flamm  
Gerry Fultz  
Fred Gold  
Donna Hoyt  
John Ingram  
Kyle Lougheed  
Coleen Lutz  
Trish MacArthur  
Jim Miller  
Jerry Peele  
Jim Stickle



**March 17 Sat Workshop - Weekend Town Hall, 10-12 noon. Bring your ideas.**

**March 19 Mon Committee Meeting** Town Hall, 7 pm. Open to all.

**April 3 Tues Workshop - Weekday Town Hall, 7-9 pm. Bring your neighbors.**

**April 7 Sat 3 Hamlet Planning Groups** Town Hall. Want to join? Contact Art.  
10 am Ancramdale / 1 pm Ancram / 4 pm Boston Corner

**April 16 Mon Committee Meeting** Town Hall, 7 pm. Open to all.

**May Town-Wide Survey**