

**Town of Ancram  
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting  
January 12, 2009**

**Comp Plan Members Present:** Art Bassin, Barry Chase, Suzanne Bressler, Hugh Clark, Bonnie Hundt, Jim Miller, Don MacLean, Kyle Lougheed, Leah Wilcox

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Sheila Clark, B Doctor

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The Comp Plan meeting was called to order by Chair Art Bassin at 7 PM. The minutes of the 1/5 meeting were approved subject to a modification suggested by Mr. MacLean to add a fourth point in section 2 indicating that the Committee had intended to seek feedback from the Community during the Strategy Workshops in February on 1) clarifications needed to help understand the Plan, 2) what they liked about the Plan and the strategies, 3) suggested improvements to the Plan and strategies, and 4) what they did not like about the Plan and strategies.

**1. Community Workshops on Strategies in February** – The Committee reviewed the format and content of the planned Strategy Workshops, which will be held from 7 to 9.30 PM on Monday, February 2 and 9, and from 9.30 AM to 12 noon on Saturday, February 7 and 14. The Committee also reviewed the planned mailing, which will go out on January 20 or 21 inviting the Community to these Strategy Workshops. The Mailing will consist of an invitation to the Strategy Workshops, the Ancram 2030 Vision, a one page summary of the “Top Ten Things” to know about the Comp Plan and a 6-page Summary of Goals & Strategies. Additional documents for the Strategy Workshops will be available on hard copy at the Town Hall and by email or on the Town web site, including a 16-page Detailed Strategies Document, a Frequently Asked Questions Document and a Glossary of terms and definitions.

**2. Comp Plan Strategy Feedback** – The Committee reviewed the preliminary feedback on the Draft Strategies from Town Board members and other Town and Fire Company officials. The Committee decided to make all suggested edits for purposes of clarification, but to wait on making any substantial revisions to the strategy documents until additional feedback had been received during the Community Workshops scheduled for February.

**3. Open Issues** -- Mr. Bassin noted there were still open issues, including 1) the need to determine the proposed revisions to hamlet boundaries; 2) the need to determine the size of the proposed revisions to the hamlet commercial zones; 3) deciding what gets grandfathered; 4) finalizing the Comp Plan Document’s organization and content; 5) finalizing key documents, like the Profile, the Introduction, the Implementation Plan and the Glossary; 5) defining “rural character and what is “traditional” in terms of architecture and the Community.

**4. CDBG Report:** The Committee noted that a revised preliminary concept drawing for the center of Ancram came in via email last week, which leaves the Fire House where it is. We will review this drawing next week when we have the 24x36 hard copy in hand.

**5. Farmland Protection Plan Update:** Mr. Bassin noted that we are still waiting for the contract from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to officially receive funding for this effort.

**6. Next Meetings:** Mr. Bassin suggested the Committee plan to meet next on January 19 and 26 to get ready for the February Workshops.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.