

## **Ancram Comp Plan Committee Holds Special Meeting on 4/26 to Review Vision Statement, Goals**

Ancram, April 11, 2008 – The Ancram Comprehensive Planning Committee has scheduled a special town meeting to review progress on the Comprehensive Plan and to discuss the town’s draft Vision statement and Goals. The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 9.30 AM at the Ancram Town Hall.

According to Art Bassin, Committee Chair, the draft Vision and Goals documents are based on the input of the people of Ancram through Workshops, the Survey, regular weekly committee meetings, and at the monthly Town Board meeting.

“There has been an enormous amount of work done during the last year”, Bassin commented. “All of this information has already been shared with the Community on a continuous basis through emails and postings on the town web site, [www.townofancram.org](http://www.townofancram.org). But seeing it pulled together in one place, on one day, really lets the Townspeople easily understand what has been done.”

The special meeting format will be about 30 minutes of presentations, 30 minutes of reviewing “exhibits”, which will outline the work that has been done, and about an hour of questions and answers.

Among the materials available at the special meeting will be the results of the Workshops (September/October 2007), Survey results (January 2008), the Town Water Study and GIS mapping effort completed in February 2008, the Town Profile and Inventory and the results of the Build-out Analysis, completed in March 2008.

The Ancram Comprehensive Planning Committee will use the special meeting to verify that it has correctly heard and understood what the Community wants its future to be like, and to make any adjustments to the Vision and Goals needed. After that, the Committee will shift its focus to the development of Strategies and Action Plans for achieving the goals and vision. That effort should take the next 60 days, resulting in a draft Comp Plan for Ancram by the end of July.

The Ancram Comprehensive Planning Committee held its first meeting on April 26, 2007, exactly a year from the date of this special town meeting scheduled for April 26, 2008. Invitations to this meeting, along with copies of the draft vision document, “The Community’s Vision for Ancram in 2030” and the draft Goals statement which support the Vision, have been mailed to all households and businesses and should have arrived in the mail before April 12.