

Ancram Expands Comp Plan Committee to Nine

Ancram, October 13 – At its October 11 meeting, the Ancram Town Board approved a recommendation from the Town’s Comprehensive Planning Committee to expand the size of the Committee from seven to nine members, effective immediately. At the same meeting, the Ancram Town Board approved the Comprehensive Planning Committee’s recommendation that Chris Sommerhoff and Gene Aleinikoff be added to the Committee. Adding Sommerhoff and Aleinikoff to the Committee follows the appointment at the July Town Board meeting of Bonnie Hundt to the comprehensive Planning Committee.

Hundt, a recent arrival to Ancram, has lived in a neighboring town for the last 17 years, has experience serving as Town Supervisor in Amenia, owns a business in Millerton and was involved with the Amenia Comprehensive Planning effort. Sommerhoff, a life-long resident of Ancramdale and one of the Town’s last active dairy farmers, had previously served on the Town Planning Board. Aleinikoff, a 40 year resident of the Town and a retired attorney, had served six years as a Town Justice and had headed the Town’s cable committee for two years.

“We are delighted to have individuals of this caliber, experience and background join our Comprehensive Planning Committee,” commented Acting Ancram Town Supervisor Jerry Roberts. “The Comprehensive Planning process may be the most important initiative we have undertaken in a generation, and it is comforting and gratifying that we are getting talented and dedicated individuals to help with the effort.”

Under Roberts’ leadership, Ancram’s Town Board initiated the Comprehensive Planning process in April 2007 with the appointment of a seven member committee. The original Comprehensive Planning Committee consisted of a Town Board representative, Jim Bryant; the Chair of the Planning Board, Don MacLean; the Chair of the ZBA, Leah Wilcox; and four members of the Community, Nancy Broe, Kyle Lougheed, Barry Chase, who was elected Vice Chair of the Committee, and Art Bassin, who was elected Chair of the Committee. Ms. Broe resigned from the Committee in July.

For more information about the Ancram Comprehensive Planning process, or to be added to the Comp Plan mail or email communications list, contact Committee Chair Bassin at abassin@aol.com or by phone at 329-0921, or go to the Ancram Town web site at www.townofancram.org.