

Ancram Comp Plan Workshops Scheduled

Ancram -- September 21: The Ancram Comprehensive Planning Committee met on Saturday September 8 and Monday September 17 to finalize plans for two planning workshops and a community survey. Invitations to the planning workshops, which will be held Saturday, September 29, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, and Monday, October 1, 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM, were mailed to all Ancram residents and landowners last week. The workshops will provide an overview of the comprehensive planning process, give the participants an opportunity to identify issues and opportunities facing the Town, and help articulate a vision, planning goals and objectives for the Town.

The Ancram Comprehensive Planning Committee also completed a first draft of a questionnaire which will be sent to all residents and landowners in November. The questionnaire will request respondents to identify and place priorities on issues, opportunities and problems facing the Town. The questionnaire will be finalized after the 9/29 and 10/1 workshops, so it reflects community concerns as expressed in the workshops. The third step in the information collection process will include small group and individual interviews, to fill in any gaps in information and to be sure all points of view are represented.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee also discussed expanding the size of the Committee from seven to nine members, and decided to recommend to the Town Board that this be done. "The level of interest in the comprehensive planning process is growing", commented Committee Chair Art Bassin. "By expanding from 7 to 9, we can add two new people to make the Committee even more representative of the Town and help us do a better job in the end."

Any Ancram resident or landowner interested in serving on the Comprehensive Planning Committee should contact Committee Chair Bassin at 329-0921 or at abassin@aol.com for more information.