

Comp Plan Activities -Town Board Update - 5/21/09

1. Comprehensive Plan Committee Activities --The Comp Plan Committee held a public hearing on April 25 attended by over 90 people, will revise the Plan as necessary based on the public hearing comments, will schedule another public hearing, and present the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board at the July Town Board meeting.

2. CDBG Activities -- The CDBG Project Team will develop a “Community Development Strategic Plan” over the next few months to summarize its findings and recommendations regarding hamlet revitalization, affordable housing and economic development. As part of this effort, the CDBG Committee will conduct a survey of Ancram businesses, and develop a business directory of Ancram businesses. The next CDBG grant opportunities are for a Technical Assistance Planning Grant (application due in November 2009) requiring a \$15,000 match, and a no-match \$400,000 construction/renovation grant (application due in April, 2010). We have applied for and received about \$11,500 of our \$21,000 CDBG grant funding so far in 2009.

3. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) – We have been notified that the contract for the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Grant funding has been approved, and have applied for the first \$6250 advance. The AFPP Committee is finalizing a Farm Inventory and list of agricultural businesses in Ancram, and will develop a budget outlining how the \$33,333 in grant funds will be spent over the next 18 months. A portion of these funds will be available to help fund the zoning revisions efforts related to the Comp Plan.

4. Budget – Comp Plan spending in April was about \$2300. Year-to-date we have spent approximately \$8000 of the \$16,500 full year budget.