

Comprehensive Plan Committee Town Board Update - 4/17/08

1. Major Activities -- We have met regularly over the past month to finalize the Town of Ancram 2030 Vision Statement and develop the Goals necessary to support the Vision. Our next step will include developing the strategies and actions plans necessary to implement the Vision and Goals.

2. Next Public Meeting – We have scheduled a Public Meeting at Town Hall for Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM to review Comp Plan progress and activities since work on the Plan started last year, to present summaries of the workshops, survey, water study, maps and break out analysis, and to review with the community the draft Vision for Ancram in 2030 and our draft Goals. These materials are or will be on the town web site, www.townofancram.org. Invitations to the 4/26 meeting and the vision statement and goals were mailed out last week.

3. Community Meetings – During the last month the Committee met with individuals and firms in the gravel mining business, with Neighbors Helping Neighbors and with the Fire Company to review progress on the Comp Plan and to respond to questions about the comp plan process and the Vision and goals.

4. Grant Applications – We have been awarded the \$21,000 Grant to support the preparation of a Community Development Plan to improve housing alternatives, the town centers and attract jobs. We have not yet heard back on the \$25,000 Farmland Protection Grant, but expect this grant may be funded as soon as the end of April, if the State budget is approved by then.

5. Budget – Through the end of March we had spent \$36,100 of the \$60,000 Comprehensive Planning budget.