

Comp Plan Activities -Town Board Update - 6/18/09

1. Comprehensive Plan Committee Activities --The Comp Plan Committee has revised the Comp Plan based on comments from the April 25 Public Hearing, and has scheduled another Public Hearing for Monday, June 22 at 7 pm. The Committee plans to present the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board at the July Town Board meeting.

2. CDBG Activities -- The CDBG Project Team will review a first draft of a “Community Development Strategic Plan” at its next meeting, which has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, June 24. The Committee has developed a first draft of 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 used about \$12,000 of our \$21,000 CDBG grant funding, and expect to use the balance of the funds preparing the Community Development Strategic Plan.

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 May was about \$300, and Ag & Farmland Protection Plan spending was about \$745. Through May, we have spent approximately \$9045 of the \$16,500 full year budget.