

Comp Plan Activities -Town Board Update - 12/18/08

1. Comp Plan Activities --The Comp Plan Committee has finalized a set of proposed strategies and action plans necessary to implement the 2030 Vision and Goals. These strategies are still in draft form, and will be circulated to the Town Board and other Town Officials in December for review and comment, and to the entire Ancram Community for additional review and comment in January. The Committee plans to hold “strategy workshops” with the Town Board and the Community in February, followed by formal public hearings on the Comprehensive Plan in March, 2009.

2. CDBG Activities -- The CDBG Project Team has received reports from Laberge Engineering on proposed changes to the 82/7 and 82/8/3 intersections, and on septic options for Ancram. In addition, we have received a preliminary design concept from Synthesis for revitalizing the center of Ancram which requires the Fire House to be moved, and expect to receive a second proposal for the redesign of the center of Ancram which does not require the Fire House to be moved.

3. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) – We are still waiting for our Farmland Protection Plan Grant funding contract from the NY State Department of Ag and Markets. The AFPP Team met with the Columbia Land Conservancy on December 1, and discussed the scope and process of developing a municipal agriculture & farmland protection plan. While this grant has been approved, the money has not been allocated by the State, so we are moving slowly. The AFPP Team will meet monthly to develop and implement this project in 2009.

4. Budget – Comp Plan spending in 2008 has been about \$34,000 through the end of November. We have also incurred about \$13,000 in CDBG project costs, and have spent about \$2000 for developing the CDBG and Farmland Protection grant applications.