

## **Comprehensive Plan Committee Town Board Update - 7/17/08**

**1. Major Activities** – The Comp Plan Committee has met weekly over the past month to develop the strategies and action plans necessary to implement the 2030 Vision and Goals. In addition, we have been working with Nan Stolzenburg and Ben Syden (of Laberge) to develop a project plan and budget for the CDBG grant the Town was awarded in April. As part of the CDBG grant effort we have been looking for volunteers to serve on an advisory team to help with the hamlet revitalization, economic development and affordable housing activities supported by the CDBG grant. We are pleased to report that we have five people who have volunteered to serve – Trish MacArthur, Donna Hoyt, Suzanne Bressler, Libby McKee and Kit White. Anyone else interested should contact Barry Chase at [lyonschase@taconic.net](mailto:lyonschase@taconic.net) or Art Bassin at [abassin@aol.com](mailto:abassin@aol.com).

**2. Next Steps to Plan Completion** – We hope to complete the development of Strategies and Action Plans to support the Vision and Goals in August, and expect to have a preliminary draft of the Comp Plan in September. Once we have a draft we are comfortable with, we will schedule public hearings on the Plan, as required by law, prior to “officially” presenting the Comp Plan to the Town Board. Once the Plan is presented to the Town Board later this fall, the Town Board will also schedule public hearings before voting on the Plan document. The Town Board will also be responsible for appointing a Zoning Revisions Committee to review and revise the town’s zoning and land use laws to bring them into alignment with the Comp Plan. We estimate the Comp Plan and zoning revisions could be completed by the end of 2008 or during the 1Q of 2009.

**3. Community Meetings** – During the last month the Committee met with the Town Building Department (6/23), the Town

Assessor (6/30) and the Rhoda Lake Association (7/5). We are still interested in scheduling the Long Lake Association, the Friends of Long Lake, DEC and DOT. Previous meetings have also been held with the gravel mining industry, the Fire Company, the Highway Superintendent, the Ancram Preservation Group, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the ZBA and the Planning Board.

**4. Grant Applications** –We expect the \$25,000 Farmland Protection Grant to be funded by the end of July.

**5. Budget** – Through the end of June we had spent approximately \$44,000 of the \$60,000 Comprehensive Planning budget.