

Comprehensive Plan Committee Town Board Update - 12/13/07

1. Meetings -- The Comprehensive Planning Committee met twice in the last month. We plan to meet again on 1/7, and resume our weekly meeting schedule in January.

2. Survey/Questionnaire – We mailed 1650 surveys on November 16. A combination of the heavy Thanksgiving mail flow and the third class bulk mailing permit caused the surveys to arrive a week to 10 days later than we expected. We extended the return date to 12/7 from 11/26, and plan to process any questionnaires we get in by the end of the year. We have gotten in about 400 surveys so far, and they are still trickling in.

3. Planning Workshop -- The committee has invited Ancram's 16 to 22 year olds to a planning workshop on 12/29. The meeting would cover the same ground as was covered by the Planning Workshops on 9/29 and 10/1. We invited the 20 high school students we identified who attend the four Area high schools, and communicated through the 170 individuals on the email list to invite college age individuals. No responses yet.

4. Grant Applications – We submitted an application for a \$21,000 technical assistance grant from the NY Housing Trust Corporation Office of Small Cities to support the economic development, housing and hamlet revitalization aspects of the Comprehensive Plan. We have identified an opportunity for a grant to support a Farmland Protection Plan, which we will explore and apply for in January.

5. Financial Report – The Comp Plan Committee incurred expenses totaling approximately \$4800 in November, bringing the total spent on the Comprehensive Plan so far to approximately \$15,500 through the end of November.