

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD/TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Town Supervisor Earle Reed and Planning Board Chairman N. Joseph Yagey at 5:30 P.M. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Planning Board Members present were Bob Imobersteg, Hans Arnold, Peggy Rotton and Rodger Reynolds. Absent: Jerome Donovan and Bob Wood. Town Board Members present were David Reynolds, J.C. Waszkiewicz, Bob Payne and Richard Woodland. Also in attendance was Town Planner Kurt L. Schwenzfeier, AICP, Ms. Eve Holberg of peter j. smith & company, consultant, and Planning Board Secretary Dolores Shaw.

Town Supervisor Reed introduced Ms. Eve Holberg, the consultant hired by the Town of New Hartford for the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Holberg stated that she, Town Staff and a Steering Committee have been working on this plan for approximately one (1) year. This plan is a long term vision with goals and objectives for the community, and recommendations for projects. This is a document for direction for project proposals.

Ms. Holberg stated that this plan updates the previous one done in 1995 and it addresses:

- Defined the plan
- Goals/Objectives
- Development
- Cost effective measures
- Town Law
- Why this plan was updated
- Implementation of the Plan
- Preparation/Steering Committee meetings
- Focus Group Sessions
- Public Meetings and Hearings
- Community Survey
- Outlining the future of the Town
- Preserving the character of New Hartford
- Natural Resources
- Land Use Development

- Transportation
- Recreation/Trails
- Community Services

Ms. Holberg explained that the proposed plan was available to the public online, through the Town Clerk's office, Town Planner's office, and Library.

Councilman Reynolds asked Ms. Holberg to elaborate further on Objective #8 – development in existing neighborhoods.

A gentleman asked Mr. Holberg to elaborate on how the Village of New York Mills is involved in this plan. Ms. Holberg explained that this is a Town document only and explained the fundamentals of this town-wide project vs. villages.

A gentleman asked Ms. Holberg asked about the process involved with this plan, as he felt the public didn't have enough input. Ms. Holberg, as well as Town Planner Schwenzfeier, explained how the Steering Committee was appointed, hearings, meetings, the survey that was mailed, and the availability of information for the public's review.

Ms. Holberg thanked everyone in attendance for their cooperation and input.

The Public Hearing ended at 6:00 P.M.

At this time, Chairman Yagey convened a meeting with the Planning Board Members in attendance. They discussed recommendation of adoption of this plan to the Town Board. Board Member Arnold has been a part of this revised plan since its inception, and feels it is a good, workable plan. The Board Members also discussed any future comments/changes that could be made to this plan. Board Member Arnold feels that there was an extensive public process for this document.

Motion was made by Board Member Hans Arnold to recommend to the Town Board approval of the Comprehensive Plan; seconded by Board Member Bob Imobersteg. Vote taken:

Chairman Joseph Yagey – yes
Board Member Bob Imobersteg – yes
Board Member Rodger Reynolds - yes

Board Member Hans Arnold – yes
Board Member Peggy Rotton – yes

Motion of **recommendation to the Town Board** was approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Shaw
Secretary/Planning Board

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