

**APRIL 19, 2017
PUBLIC HEARING**

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

7:05 P.M.

Present:

Deputy Supervisor Underhill
Councilwoman White
Councilwoman Michalak

Absent:

Councilman Zambito
Supervisor Post

Others Present:

Town Clerk Morasco
Town Engineer Mountain
Building Inspector Lang
Sheila Hess, Conservation Connect
Barbara Johnson, Labella Associates
Jim Krencik, Daily News Reporter
Bruce Newton
Jayme Privitera and Family

The Deputy Supervisor called the Public Hearing to order at 7:10 P.M. and the Deputy Supervisor presented the notice as published in the Daily News.

The Town Engineer gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan process getting it to this point.

- *Started working on the Comprehensive Plan in 2012 and 2013
- *Identified need to preserve natural resources and land use
- *Partnered with the Village and Town of Oakfield, Town of Alabama and County of Genesee on the Green Genesee Smart Genesee Project
- *Deferred the Comprehensive Plan and worked on the Green Action Plan
- *February 2016 worked on the Comprehensive Plan portion
- *More than 30 Comprehensive Plan meetings were convened since February 2016
- *Added Natural Resources
- *Added Fiscal Plan
- *Coordinated with Genesee County and City of Batavia
- *First Comprehensive Plan draft in November 2016 and was displayed at all the General Election Polling places
- *December 7, 2017 Informational Meeting was held
- *December 21, 2017 Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing was held
- *There was collaboration with Staff, Boards, Committees, LaBella and Conservation Connects after the public hearing was held in December that reflect the changes in this update draft

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Barbara Johnson, LaBella Associates reported on the changes to the Comprehensive Plan update since the December 2016 public hearing and distributed a copy of her report to the Town Board. A copy of which is annexed hereto.

- *Introduction
- *Land use
- *Natural Resources
- *Agriculture
- *Housing & Residential Neighborhoods
- *Transportation, Utilities, & Public Services
- *Tax Base & Fiscal Analysis

Sheila Hess, Conservation Connects consultant distributed a draft brochure (an introduction to comprehensive plan) she put together that gives an overview of the Comprehensive Plan, with the goals and future land use map. This is to help guide individuals, public, and all the Town Boards and officials to look to the full comprehensive plan. Once the Town logo is adopted it will be incorporated on the brochure.

Bruce Newton, resident and land owner spoke, as he did at the December public hearing. Mr. Newton is still unclear on the proposed overlay district and how it is going to work for residents who want to develop their land in the future. He finds it being too restrictive.

Town officials and consultants explained that it is a plan to guide and not a law that changes the zoning. It will help to guide and update zoning laws going forward.

The overlay would work like other zoning designations. It wouldn't prevent development, but it would set guidelines and requirements for projects. Each project submitted is reviewed individually. Without a submittal and specific details, it's difficult to say what can and can't be done.

Deputy Supervisor Underhill declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:40 P.M. as no one else spoke for or against the Comprehensive Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Teressa M. Morasco
Town Clerk