



TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

To: Town of Mount Hope Comprehensive Plan Update Committee
From: Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Date: September 21, 2016

Issues Identification Workshop: Public Comments Summary

Meeting Location: Community Center, 7-11 Baker Street
Meeting Date/Time: September 20, 2016, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Attendees: See Attendance Sheet

Summary Notes:

This was the first Public Workshop for the Town of Mount Hope Comprehensive Plan Update. Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner at Barton & Loguidice, began by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. Mr. Welti delivered a short presentation (slides attached) which covered the following:

- *Meeting Purpose and Agenda*
- *Introductions – Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and Consultant Team*
- *What is a Comprehensive Plan? - an explanation of the legal framework and description of what a comprehensive plan can achieve*
- *Development of the plan – a summary of the process*

Mr. Welti then facilitated a discussion with the audience regarding issues of concern that should be addressed through this comprehensive plan update. A summary of that discussion follows on the next page.

Town of Mount Hope Comprehensive Plan Update ***Issues Identification Workshop Summary***

Attendance

Approx. a dozen people (8 signed-in) plus members of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee.

What do you like about living in Mount Hope?

Safe place to live – local police force and a low crime rate

Open space – lack of high density housing

Farmland, scenic views (ridgeline), state forest land, wildlife, and eco-tourism

Strong community ties – homey and small town feel, neighbors help one another; #1 place to raise a family and a proactive community

Rural character – this needs to be protected from development

Good public schools

Comfortable tax rate

Local amenities – retail options, parks, and train station

Long term, well-attended community events – August Annual Yard Sale

Active history (historical society) and pride in Town's heritage and history

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan?

The relationship between the Town and the Village should be examined (consolidation?)

Former research lab parcels could be an opportunity

High density housing pressures are a significant concern - there was discussion of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) and its potential impact on the Town's ability to control such development.

Lack of useable Town-wide mapping system

Changing zoning pressures and challenges associated with change

Maintain the rural character – possibly with education and attraction of new residents

Growth should be smart to not create traffic issues or impede on positives of the community or leave a large footprint on the community

Wetland development regulations need to be examined

New demand may change needs for water/sewer or wells/septic

Heritage trail extension – wayfinding signage and connections with other existing trails

Lacking a local library

Attract and promote small businesses and the preservation of agricultural land

Outreach – Additional Suggestions

Outreach could be achieved through local Facebook Page

Outreach could be achieved through non-electronic communications

Schedule should not conflict with school district or other municipal activities

Moms of school-aged children should be included – outreach to PTO or PTA

Perhaps try internet surveys or break down by geographic areas to collect info



TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

September 20, 2016

Town of Mount Hope, New York



Agenda

- Project Team Introduction
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Development of the Plan
- Issues Identification



Agenda

- Project Team Introduction
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Development of the Plan
- Issues Identification



Introductions

- Town Officials:
 - ▣ *Chad Volpe, Town Supervisor*
 - ▣ *David Bavoso, Town Attorney*
- Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC) Members:
 - ▣ *Daniel Golebiowski, ZBA Chairman*
 - ▣ *Dominick Cambareri, Town Board Member*
 - ▣ *Ike Palmer, Village Trustee*
 - ▣ *Jim Kowalczyk, Town Resident*
 - ▣ *Lee Runnalls, Village Resident*
 - ▣ *Matthew Howell, Town Board Member*
 - ▣ *Wayne Howell, Planning Board Chairman*



Introductions

- Barton & Loguidice Consultant Team:
 - *Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner*
 - *Chuck Voss, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner*
 - *Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner 1*



Agenda

- Project Team Introduction
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Development of the Plan
- Issues Identification



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- The definition of “town comprehensive plan” identifies a document with both an immediate and a long-range view:

“town comprehensive plan” means the materials, written and/or graphic, including but not limited to maps, charts, studies, resolutions, reports and other descriptive material that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the *immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town* located outside the limits of any incorporated village or city.

Town Law §272-a (emphasis added).

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A Comprehensive Plan’s primary role is to:
 - Establish the community’s vision for its future;
 - Be directional about how to attain this vision; and
 - Assign responsibilities for and to prioritize the specific actions that will be taken following completion of the plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- The Plan provides a venue for identifying:
 - ▣ *The current state* – take stock of the situation – What do you cherish? What are your issues/concerns about the future?
 - ▣ *The desired state* - what does the community want to be like in the future – what is its vision?
 - ▣ *How* does the community intend to get there?

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- According to state law, the plan may include a wide range of topics “at the level of detail adapted to the special requirements of the town...”
- Topics such as residential growth, economic development, land-use, infrastructure, and community character will be addressed in the Mount Hope Comprehensive Plan

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- Benefits of adopting a Comprehensive Plan
 - ▣ All land use regulations *must be* in accordance with a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this section.
 - ▣ All plans for capital projects of another governmental agency on land included in this comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this section shall take such plan into consideration
- Updating zoning and subdivision regulations is one of the most important tools communities in New York State have for ensuring that future growth contributes to achieving the community's vision and goals described in the Plan

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Zoning & Regulatory Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Development Guidelines or Standards ▣ Innovative Zoning Techniques ▣ SEQR Compliance □ Potential Non-Regulatory Tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Farmland and open space conservation ▣ Purchase of development rights ▣ Special districts (BID, SAD, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Capital Budgeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Community Facilitates and Infrastructure ▣ Phasing Strategy ▣ Grants and Financing Opportunities □ Organizational Capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Governmental and Private Sector ▣ Regional and Inter-municipal Connections |
|--|---|

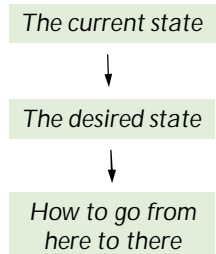
Agenda

- Project Team Introduction
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Development of the Plan
- Issues Identification



Development of the Plan

- Ten Steps in preparing a Plan
 1. Plan to Plan ✓
 2. Structure and Schedule the Process ✓
 3. Gather and Analyze Data
 4. Identify Problems, Issues, and Concerns
 5. Develop a "Vision" for the Plan
 6. Develop Plan Goals and Objectives
 7. Generate and Evaluate Plan Alternatives
 8. Select and Develop a Preferred Plan
 9. Adopt the Plan, Set an Implementation Schedule
 10. Monitor for Results and Impact



By: Michael Chandler
 From: Planning Commissioners Journal #39, Summer 2000

Development of the Plan

□ Ten Steps in preparing a Plan

1. Plan to Plan ✓
2. Structure and Schedule the Process ✓
3. Gather and Analyze Data
4. Identify Problems, Issues, and Concerns
5. Develop a "Vision" for the Plan
6. Develop Plan Goals and Objectives
7. Generate and Evaluate Plan Alternatives
8. Select and Develop a Preferred Plan
9. Adopt the Plan, Set an Implementation Schedule
10. Monitor for Results and Impact

The current state



The desired state



How to go from
here to there

By: Michael Chandler

From: Planning Commissioners Journal #39, Summer 2000

Development of the Plan

□ Existing Planning Documents:

■ Municipal Documents

- 1991 Mount Hope Comprehensive Plan
- Town Zoning and Subdivision Regulations

■ Countywide Documents

- 1998 Orange County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan
- 2004 Orange County Open Space Plan
- 2010 Orange County Comprehensive Plan
- 2010 Orange County Design Manual
- 2010 Orange County Water Management Plan

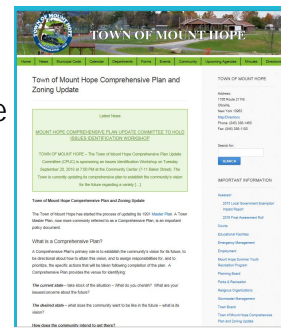
Development of the Plan



Development of the Plan

- Involvement = Ownership = Commitment
 - Issues Identification Workshop ✓
 - Visioning Workshop
 - Town-wide Public Meeting
 - Public Hearing

- Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC) Meetings
- Website: <http://townofmounthope.org>
- Email: CPUC@townofmounthope.org



Development of the Plan

□ Ten Steps in preparing a Plan

1. Plan to Plan ✓
2. Structure and Schedule the Process ✓
3. Gather and Analyze Data
4. Identify Problems, Issues, and Concerns
5. Develop a "Vision" for the Plan
6. Develop Plan Goals and Objectives
7. Generate and Evaluate Plan Alternatives
8. Select and Develop a Preferred Plan
9. Adopt the Plan, Set an Implementation Schedule
10. Monitor for Results and Impact

The current state



The desired state



How to go from here to there

By: Michael Chandler

From: Planning Commissioners Journal #39, Summer 2000

Development of the Plan

□ Project Timeline:

- CPUC Kick-off Meeting – June 9, 2016
- Monthly CPUC Meetings
- Issues Identification Workshop – September 20, 2016
- Visioning Workshop – TBD
- Town-wide Public Meeting - Draft Plan Presentation – TBD
- Public Hearings (2)
- SEQRA / Plan Adoption by Town Board – Winter 2017

- Phase 2 - Zoning Code Update – Spring 2017

Agenda

- Project Team Introduction
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Development of the Plan
- Issues Identification



Issues Identification

- What do you like about living/working in Mount Hope? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?
- What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan? What can be done to improve life in Mount Hope?

Next Steps

- Next CPUC Meeting
 - 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 29, 2016 @ Town Hall
- Visioning Workshop – November?
- Stay in touch:
 - Website: <http://townofmounthope.org>
 - Email: CPUC@townofmounthope.org



Thank You

- Next CPUC Meeting
 - 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 29, 2016 @ Town Hall
- Visioning Workshop – November?
- Stay in touch:
 - Website: <http://townofmounthope.org>
 - Email: CPUC@townofmounthope.org



TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Issues Identification Workshop

September 20, 2016, 7:00 PM

Community Center, Mount Hope, NY

Sign In Please:

Name	Address	Preferred Phone #	E-mail
Dave Badolato	P.O. Box 113 Otisville NY	845-668-1590	dave.badolato@yc400.com
Christopher Furman	1012 Rt 211W Hiddleban, NY	845-705-2161	C.FURMAN@1988@aol.com
FRANK KETCHAM	212 HOMESTEAD LN OTISVILLE	845-386-8273	Ketch@Frontier.com
Karen Ketcham	Same		
SARAH KETCHAM	Same		
Orrin Pierson	1448 Rt 211W. Middletown, NY.	845-386-1882	Pierson.Farm.1790@gmail.com
Alison Miller	351 Old MtA Rd Otisville NY	845-389-7215	thorface@frontiernet.net
Grace Woodland	2 Old Carriage Rd Gobetown, NY	846-644-3726	grace.woodland@earthlink.net

