

TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE **Draft 10/28/16**
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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Supervisor Dellisanti opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM. Also attending Deputy Supervisor Ruso, Councilmembers Briody, Irving, and VanEtten, Tal Rappleyea, Esq., Town Clerk Finke, Tax Collector Jordan, and 2 members of the public who signed the attendance book.

Absent: Highway Superintendent Jordan

Supervisor Dellisanti read, *“Town of New Baltimore Greene County, New York Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed New Comprehensive Plan Please take Notice that the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Town of New Baltimore shall hold a public hearing on October 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the evening at the Town Hall, 3809 County Route 51, Hannacroix, New York 12087, to accept public comment on the proposed new Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the Plan are available in the Town Clerk’s office. By order of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.”*

Supervisor Dellisanti: Good evening.

Audience Members: Good evening.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Is anyone here to speak on the Comprehensive Plan?

Rich Guthrie: Good evening. I’m here to listen.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We did go through that at the last meeting on October 10th. The only changes, I’ll let Shelly speak to that, in the Comprehensive Plan were the 50 percent offset that was mandated in the previous plan. We have changed that to ‘available and encouraged’ which is basically a volunteer program. If for any reason you as a landowner or farmer with over 100 acres wants to set aside 50 percent of your property, you have every right to do that, but you are no longer mandated to do that. That’s the distinction that the Committee has made. Tonight we have Bill Albright and Kathy Rundberg with us that were on the Committee. I want to thank them for their tireless work. This Committee met as I mentioned at the previous meeting one Wednesday of each month for the last two, two-and-a-half years. A lot of time and effort went into this and I thank them immensely for all their efforts.

Tal Rappleyea, Esq.: Each one of those meetings were open to the public and essentially were Public Hearings, but we felt in the abundance of caution that we should have this also final wrap-up Public Hearing.

Rich Guthrie: What is the status of the Plan in terms of adoption or proposed adoption and additionally is there a comment period extended beyond tonight’s Public Hearing?

Supervisor Dellisanti: I think we’re finished tonight.

Councilmember VanEtten: We’re finished tonight. We’ve already had one; this will be the second one. We got all positive comments at the last one, so I think we’re finished tonight. It’s a 50 percent set-aside only.

Rich Guthrie: So the usual two week comment period for written comments after a Public Hearing, is that not available this evening?

Councilmember VanEtten: The Public Hearing was at the last meeting on the 50 percent set-aside.

Richard Guthrie: What is tonight?

Councilmember VanEtten: So it’s been two weeks.

Richard Guthrie: What is tonight?

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Supervisor Dellisanti: Tonight is the Committee's Public Hearing. The Comprehensive Plan Committee is having their Public Hearing tonight.

Councilmember VanEtten: But the Comprehensive Plan before the Public Hearing was last time. There were two weeks after that.

Richard Guthrie: A month ago.

Councilmember VanEtten: Well, it would have been two weeks ago.

Supervisor Dellisanti: October 10th.

Richard Guthrie: There was a public notice about tonight's meeting was there?

Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes, I just read it before we started the program.

Richard Guthrie: I heard you reading it, right. That was in the newspaper and on the Town's website?

Supervisor Dellisanti: Yes.

Town Clerk Finke: It's also out in front; it's also on the board.

Richard Guthrie: I looked out front and I saw the nice monument.

Town Clerk Finke: It's in the little box.

Richard Guthrie: Oh you mean here in the building?

Town Clerk Finke: It's in the box.

Richard Guthrie: Thank you, Barbara.

Town Clerk Finke: You're welcome.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Would anyone else like to speak on the Comprehensive Plan?

Alta Turner: I haven't been following the process, but I'm wondering if there's some kind of a delta document between what the Comprehensive Plan has been and what the changes that you're proposing are?

Councilmember VanEtten: There's only one change. The 50 percent set-aside is not mandated anymore. You can do it if you want to. It's available and encouraged, but it's not a mandate.

Alta Turner: I'm not familiar with the nomenclature of Center Commercial, Light Commercial, Service Commercial.

Councilmember VanEtten: That's going to be at the next Public Hearing that will be in November on that.

Alta Turner: That will be in November?

Councilmember VanEtten: November 14 I think it is.

Supervisor Dellisanti: That's correct. We are going to announce that tonight in a resolution so it will be put in the newspaper also on the website for the 14th of November.

Alta Turner: And where, I presume they'll be some kind of maps.

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Councilmember VanEtten: It's all on the website.

Supervisor Dellisanti: We have the maps available as well.

Alta Turner: So in November will be the Public Hearing on that.

Supervisor Dellisanti: Public Hearing on the 14th at 6:00.

Alta Turner: And the stuff is available on the website now.

Councilmember VanEtten: All the changes are available.

Alta Turner: Thank you very much.

Supervisor Dellisanti: You're welcome. Would anyone from the Committee like to speak tonight? Last call for comments on the Comprehensive Plan Committee Public Hearing. Hearing none, I'll make a motion that we close the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Committee seconded by Councilwoman VanEtten at 6:04 PM.

AYES: Dellisanti, Ruso, Briody, Irving, VanEtten

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M. Finke
Town Clerk