

Minutes of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held February 14, 2006 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

**Present:** **Gary Hulbert - Supervisor**  
**Robert Elpel – Councilman**  
**Linda Sutton – Councilwoman**  
**William Carr – Councilman**  
**Jodi Wood – Councilwoman**

**Recording Secretary** **Chris Kohrs –Deputy Clerk**  
**Others Present:** **Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk**  
**Guenter Ohm – County Legislature**

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. There were 16 people present.

Nan Stolzenburg asked for feedback from the board on the comprehensive plan and the information that has been compiled. In summary information has been collected in the following areas; demographics, environmental, services offered, survey provided public input, six focus groups, as well as individual interviews with selected interests within the town.

Four things have been uncovered from this data collection, our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The GIS information still needs to be put into a table format (database). We know where we are now and need to identify where we want to go with a vision statement and specific goals.

Alana Kiernan and Bernadette Gavin of the Durham Community Planners, a recently formed not for profit organization, stated that their group is ready to assist the town board with the development and facilitation of the comprehensive plan. Their long-term goal is to improve the quality of life for the residents, seeking funding opportunities wherever possible. The website for Durham Community Planners is [www.durhamcommunity.org](http://www.durhamcommunity.org).

Everyone agreed that communication and community input need to increase if this project is going to be successful and a true reflection of what the residents of the town want. The board will be identifying individuals from the focus groups within the town and ask them to serve on a committee to help in developing the comprehensive plan.

After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed to have any changes to the current draft of the first part of the comprehensive plan to Nan by February 21, 2006. The board, the Oak Hill Historical Association, the agricultural interests and Durham Community Planners were each asked to review and comment on the draft of strategies and goals presented by Nan by March 14, 2006. This will allow her time to compile the information and present a summary at the March 21, 2006 meeting. Once the board has reviewed the summary, public workshops will be scheduled.

**Mr. Carr made the motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Wood at 9:12 p.m.**

**Minutes approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk