

TOWN OF AMENIA

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Amenia Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee will hold a public hearing on the draft Comprehensive Plan at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2007, in the Amenia Elementary School Auditorium. Copies of the draft plan are available for reading at the Amenia Free Library, Town Hall, Renny's, Cousins' Mini Mart, Calsi's, KJ's, the Wassaic Fire House, the Amenia Fire House, and the VFW. It has also been posted on the Town's website, http://:www.ameniany.gov. Once on the website, go to Government, and click the link to CPIC. A printed copy of the draft plan may be purchased at the Town Clerk's office for \$5.

All interested residents are urged to read the plan and to attend the public hearing. "This is the first opportunity for public comment on the completed draft Comprehensive Plan before it is turned over to the Town Board for their review on February 15, 2007," said Mark Doyle, Chairman of the CPIC. "This is the culmination of four years of hard work, and the input from many citizens, and we hope that everyone will read the plan and give us their comments." The Town Board will follow the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process for both the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Amendments and will also seek public input at two planned public hearings in March.

Joel Russell, CPIC attorney and planner, will be present to explain the organization of the Comprehensive Plan and to answer questions. Written comments will be accepted by the committee through February 7, 2007.

Janet Reagon, Town Supervisor, commented, "The process that the Town went through in drafting the Comprehensive Plan has been as open and public as possible. I believe that the plan represents a true consensus among the citizens as to what is important for Amenia. I hope that people will take the time to read and comment upon the plan, so that the Town Board can be confident that this Comprehensive Plan will serve us well as the basis for future planning."