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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE SEEKS INPUT ON TOWN CENTERS

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The Town of Mamakating Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will hold its second meeting to gather input from the public on a Plan for the Town's future. The first meeting was held June 9th at the Mamakating Town Hall and was well attended by local residents and business owners. The Comprehensive Plan is a document which guides growth in the community by establishing how land should be used throughout the Town, what building sizes and densities are appropriate, what roadway improvements should be made, what community facilities are required and other matters of public policy. The Committee has established a series of goals and objectives based on input received at the first public meeting and from its planning consultant, Turner Miller Group. The Committee and consultant are now working on developing concrete strategies for achieving the goals and objectives.



The public and the Committee have identified several focus areas within the Town, particularly the area surrounding the Wurtsboro Village Center, as well as the Town's various Hamlet Centers, which require particular attention as part of the Comprehensive Planning effort. The Committee will be holding a **Design Charette** with the public and community stakeholders to gather input and determine community needs to improve the function, appearance, and attraction of the greater Wurtsboro-Town Center area and the hamlets of PhillipSPORT, Summitville and Westbrookville. Turner Miller Group will prepare a series of maps and conceptual diagrams for the focus areas and conduct the charette in order to allow interested persons to contribute their ideas and solutions. The meeting will also be utilized to solicit public input on ideas which are being considered at the conceptual level including:

- Enhancing and marketing the Summitville-Phillipsport historic district as a unique cultural destination exhibiting the Town's history;
- Transforming Westbrookville into an eco-tourism destination center with recreation-related businesses benefiting from excellent access to trails and the Basha Kill Wildlife Management Area (WMA);
- Town-wide Sustainability initiatives, including policy and regulation of renewable energy sources, and becoming a model of 'regional eco-friendliness';
- Known trail connections and opportunities for trail development;
- Improving the network of sidewalks and crosswalks, and known needs for pedestrian connectivity between the Village center, the Town, and in hamlets;
- Referencing a set of design guidelines unique to the Town for use with new and restorative development.

Business owners and local residents are invited to attend the upcoming meeting scheduled for **Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM** at Mamakating Town Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and contribute. For more information please visit the Town website at www.mamakating.org or contact Turner Miller Group at 845-368-1472 x109.