

Town of Farmington

1000 County Road 8
Farmington, New York 14425

2021 EDITION OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Public Hearing
Thursday, October 28, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES—FILED WITH TOWN CLERK

The following minutes are written as a summary of the main points that were made at the 2021 Farmington Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing. Remarks delivered during discussions are summarized and are not intended to be verbatim transcriptions. An audio recording of the meeting is available from the Farmington Town Clerk's Office.

The meeting was conducted at the Farmington Town Hall and via Zoom video conference.

Committee Members Present at the Town Hall:

Hal Adams
Timothy DeLucia
Donna Herendeen
Susan Hilton
Steven Holtz
Aaron Sweeney
Thomas Yourch

Committee Members Excused:

Bryan Adams
Susan Hopkins Charland
Shauncy Maloy
David Plante

Advisors Present at the Town Hall:

Ronald L. Brand, Town of Farmington Director of Development and Planning
Dan Delpriore, Town of Farmington Code Enforcement Officer

Residents Present at the Town Hall:

Tonia Ettinger, Town Resident
Ronald Herendeen, Farmington Town Board Member

Others Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Brian Mahoney
Unidentified (1)

1. PUBLIC HEARING OPENING

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ronald L. Brand, Town of Farmington Director of Development and Planning.

2. LEGAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC NOTICES

■ Legal Notice:

The following Legal Notice was published in the Canandaigua *Daily Messenger* newspaper on October 16, 2021 (*see* Attachment #2 to the minutes, p. 26):

Town of Farmington Legal Notice

Please take notice that the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee will be conducting a public hearing upon the preliminary draft document entitled “2021 Edition Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan,” both in person and virtually, on Thursday evening, October 28, 2021 starting at 6:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, with the in person hearing being held in the Main Meeting Room, at the Farmington Town Hall, 1000 County Road 8, Farmington, New York 14425.

The public hearing is being held in compliance with the provisions of Section 272-a of the New York State Town Law.

A copy of the preliminary draft document is posted on the Town’s website, www.townof-farmingtonny.org and may be viewed by clicking on the Meetings/Agendas/Minutes on the Home Page, then click on the Comprehensive Plan Update 2021 link. The Join Zoom Meeting contact information is also posted on this link.

All persons wanting to comment on the preliminary draft plan document will be heard either in person or virtually at this date and time.

By Order of the Town Director of Planning and Development
Ronald L. Brand

■ Other Public Notices:

On October 13, 2021, the draft of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update was posted upon the Town website for public review and comment.

On October 13, 2021, notice of the meeting was given by the clerk via email to Committee members and the Town staff (*see* Attachment #1 to the minutes, pp. 24–25).

On October 18, 2021, the Public Hearing notice was posted on the Town of Farmington Facebook social media page (*see* Attachment #3 to the minutes, pp. 27–35).

On October 23, 2021, a reminder notice of the meeting was given by the clerk via email to Committee members, with other Town boards, Town committees and Town staff included in the email.

From October 26–28, 2021, the meeting notice was printed in the Canandaigua *Daily Messenger* newspaper “Bulletin Board” listings (*see* Attachment #4 to the minutes, pp. 36–37).

3. INTRODUCTION

Mr. Brand opened the Public Hearing with the following introductory information:

“We are here with a Public Hearing called by the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. We have more than a quorum of the members of the Committee present in the room tonight. I’m Ron Brand, the Director of Planning and Development and have had the pleasure of working on the update to the 2011 Edition of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Farmington.

“By introduction, the Town Board, in late 2019, appointed a committee to update the Comprehensive Plan—the 2011 edition. The Committee members who are here with us tonight, and will be making presentations tonight, are at the dais in the front of the room. The Committee has held four public meetings and four audio-video conference format meetings for the chapters of the plan.

“The Committee also conducted a survey of Town residents in early 2020—just before covid—and the residents let us know what their concerns were with the community. That will be highlighted tonight as part of the presentation.

“The draft document tonight, which is the 2021 edition of the Comprehensive Plan, has been posted on the Town’s website for the past three weeks and will remain on the website until it is adopted by the Town Board. The Public Hearing Legal Notice for tonight’s meeting was posted in the Town’s official newspaper—the *Daily Messenger*—on Saturday, October 16th. The contact information for tonight’s Public Hearing has also been posted on the Town’s website and the Town Hall bulletin board. Finally, the Town’s Facebook account has had several postings on the update starting on October 18th.

“Tonight’s Public Hearing is the first of three Public Hearings that will be held under the provisions of Section 272a of New York State Town Law. The Committee is conducting this Public Hearing and will be making a recommendation to the Town Board on the Plan update. Once the Town Board receives the document, it has 90 days to schedule the first of two Public Hearings. After the first Public Hearing, any changes are made to the draft plan and the environmental record is prepared, and a referral is then made to the County

Planning Board and to the Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board for their review and comment.

“Following receipt of the reports from these two County agencies, a second Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board. SEQR (the State Environmental Quality Review) will be acted upon and hopefully adoption of the Plan.

“The tentative date for Town Board adoption of the plan, given all the timeframes involved with monthly County meetings and preparing all the documents relating to SEQR, looks to be January or early February of next year.

“Tonight, we have five members of the Committee who will be presenting the summary of each of the chapters of the document that has been posted and remains posted on the Town website.”

4. CHAPTER 1: Executive Summary and Community Survey

For the presentation of Chapter 1, Mr. Brand introduced Sue Hilton who serves as Chairperson of the Town’s Conservation Board.

Ms. Hilton provided the following summary:

Executive Summary:

- The first master plan document was prepared for the Town Planning Board in 1967. It was entitled “General Plan for the Town of Farmington, New York.”
- The master plan identified two urbanized areas, the hamlet of Pumpkin Hook in the northwestern section of town and the intersection of State Routes 96 & 332 and extending west along Route 96 to Mertensia Road.
- Over the years there have been four (4) updates to the Plan in 1987, 1993, 2003 and 2011.
- The Town Board, in 2003 adopted the first Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan. In 2011, the Town Board adopted the “2011 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan.”
- In the fall of 2019, the Town Board appointed a committee (the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee) comprised of town residents, elected and appointed officials and town staff who were charged with preparing the draft plan document which is the subject of tonight’s Public Hearing.
- Chapter 1 lists 27 applications that identify the reuse of existing sites and/or buildings and new facilities since 2011.

- Chapter 1 lists 26 new commercial and industrial sites that have developed since 2011.
- Chapter 1 lists 19 new residential developments that have occurred since 2011.
- Chapter 1 lists the known residential, industrial and commercial sites that are just getting started since 2020.
- Chapter 1 contains the Executive Summary of the Plan's findings since 2011 and recommended actions through the year 2030.

Here are some of the findings contained in the plan update:

Since 2011, 52 businesses have either come to Farmington or have relocated to new sites in Farmington to meet their growing need.

As of the end of 2020, there were 510 new single-family detached dwelling units constructed. There were also constructed during this period 337 new townhouse dwelling units and 168 apartment units.

Since January 1, 2021 the Town Building Department reports (as of August 31, 2021) a total of 54 additional single-family detached dwelling units are under construction. In addition, a total of 63 townhouse dwelling units are under construction. This is a total of 117 new dwelling units with additional permits coming in for Auburn Meadows, Redfield Grove, Monarch Manor and Hathaway's Corners.

There are 21 new action items listed in the Plan to be undertaken during the next ten (10) year planning period. Here are some of them:

The "Community Center" is expanding to include the area south and west of the intersection of State Routes 96 and 332 and bordering New Michigan Road. It is within this area that the Plan calls for the preparation of a detailed master plan showing new streets, mixed land use, new intersections, new trails and a sidewalk network.

Continue to support state funded farmland protection programs including the Purchase of Development Rights (Agricultural Conservation Easements).

Complete the planned development within the Auburn Meadows Subdivision Tract, Monarch Manor, Hathaway's Corner, Farmington Pointe and other mixed land use sites located within the expanding "Community Center Area."

Update the 2018 Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Complete development of the 40 acre Beaver Creek Park site and trail connections between the Park and the Auburn Trail.

Complete the Main Street Corridor transformation along State Route 96.

Prepare a Transportation Master Plan that identifies priority areas for completing sidewalks, bike lanes and pedestrian hiking/biking trails that connect with the Auburn Trail.

Continue to disseminate information through social media sources, Town Newsletters, Town Website and publish meeting agendas.

Evaluate the feasibility of creating a town-wide drainage district.

Support federal and state programs for sustaining renewable energy sources while protecting valuable non-renewable agricultural soils and sustaining farming operations.

Other changes identified in Chapter 1, since 2011, include Capital Improvement Projects, the extension of public water lines, sewer lines, highways, parks and trails.

Changes in Agricultural Land Use and Open Space are also identified in this Chapter, along with rezoning of lands since July 2011 and the Legacy of the 2011 Edition of the Plan.

Sustaining the Quality of Life, Advantages to Planning, the Plan Amendment Process, the 2021 Edition of the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Plan Map are also part of this 23 page narrative.

Community Survey:

Now, I would like to expand upon an important part of any municipal planning program, learning the thoughts and concerns of town residents, both long time and new residents to our community. In late 2019 we began, and completed during the early part of 2020, the update process with a survey of Town Residents. Here's a brief summary of the responses which are included in total in Appendix 1 of the draft document.

The survey was made available electronically through Facebook, NextDoor, the Town's website and hard copies were available at the Town Clerk's Office. There were a total of 500 responses received. Of this total, 477 responses (95.6%) came from residents of the Town. When asked why they chose to live in Farmington, the most frequent responses were:

- Good School Districts (240)
- Relatively low Town and County taxes (238)
- Quality Neighborhoods (173)
- Relatives and friends nearby (124)
- Rural Character (165)
- Housing Options Available (71)

Historic Character (18)

When asked to rate the quality of life in Farmington there were 487 responses. Using a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) the responses were as follows:

- 266 (54.6%) ranked the quality of life as being a 4
- 114 (23.4%) ranked the quality of life as being a 5
- 91 (18.7%) ranked the quality of life as being a 3

When asked to rank the quality of life in Farmington, over the past 10 years, there were a total of 488 responses:

- 172 (35%) felt it had improved
- 132 (27%) felt that it had stayed the same
- 130 (26%) felt that it had declined
- 54 (11%) had no opinion

When asked to select three important opportunities/issues for the Town to address during the next 10 years there were a total of 488 people who responded. The following were the three most frequently cited opportunities/issues:

- 291 (59.6%)—Protection of our Natural Resources
- 231 (47.3%)—Traffic
- 185 (37.9%)—Protection of our prime and unique Agricultural Soils

Just missing the top three selections were:

- 182 (37.2%)—Creating Stricter Regulations for Development
- 159 (32.6%)—Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs
- 93 (19.0%)—Attracting more commercial land use
- 92 (18.8%)—Completion of a local sidewalk network

When asked to select the top five choices for what choices people would like to see during the next 10 years, a total of 499 responses identified the following:

- 269 (53.9%)—Protect Natural Resource Features
- 232 (46.4%)—Protect Farmlands
- 205 (41.0%)—Better Internet Access
- 197 (39.4%)—Better Traffic Controls along Major Highways
- 181 (36.2%)—More variety stores, restaurants and other commercial services, and
- 181 (36.2%)—Continued coordination and support for fire protection, emergency medical services and road patrol services.

When asked how, in the next 15 years, would you like to be able to describe the Town to your friends/children/grandchildren (e.g., What would it look like? Feel like? Who is here? What is happening?) a total of 388 responses were received. Unlike other survey questions,

this question was open-ended, meaning people could write whatever they wanted in the answer box. There are a total of six pages of comments, all of which will be placed in the appendices to the 2021 edition of the Comprehensive Plan. On behalf of the Update Committee, thank you for taking the time to express your desires. The Committee is confident that reading all of these will identify the many wonderful ideas there are.

The Town is working with Ontario County Planning and the Town of Canandaigua on an intermunicipal transportation project entitled “State Routes 96 & 332 Sub-Area Study.” This Study is currently identifying a number of existing conditions (both traffic and land use related) and will be developing a list of specific actions for the county and the two towns to implement. A public information meeting on this project was held in August 2021. The Update Committee is aware of this federally funded program and wanted your input identifying what three opportunities you felt would best help to improve existing conditions and sustain these two major corridors in the county. A total of 496 responses were received. The most frequent responses were:

- 284 (57.2%)—Install Traffic Calming Improvement
- 211 (42.5%)—Add signalized intersections at key locations
- 194 (39.1%)—Complete sidewalks along both sides of these highways

When asked about creating streetscape design guidelines for future and existing redevelopment of sites along our identified “Main Street” (Route 96 between the Victor/Farmington town line and Fairdale Glenn Townhomes) a total of 474 responses were received. The top three (3) choices were:

- 247 (52.1%)—Welcome to Farmington banners and American flags on each of the street lights
- 169 (35.6%)—Distinct Main Street Signs with Block Numbers
- 159 (33.5%)—Banners on street lights identifying history in the community

When asked about who is participating in the survey we learned that of 495 responses:

- 424 live within 14425 (Farmington ZIP code) (85.6%)
- 23 within 14548 (Shortsville ZIP code)
- 18 within 14522 (Palmyra ZIP code)
- 12 within 14424 (Canandaigua ZIP code)
- 10 within 14564 (Victor ZIP code)

Other interesting characteristics about those participating in the survey include:

- 459 (91.9%) own their single-family dwelling
- 202 (40.4%) live in a two person household, and
- 167 (33.4%) live in a household comprised of four (4) or more persons.

There was a total of 262 persons, ages 40–64 (52.5%), followed by a fairly even distribution in ages: 120 persons, ages 65 and over (24.4%) and 117 persons, ages 20–39 (23.4%).

There was a total of 364 (73.1 %) living in the Victor Central School District, 96 (20.5%) living in the Canandaigua City School District, 26 (5.2%) living within the Red Jacket Central School District and 11 (2.2 %) living within the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District.

When asked how the survey participants receive news about the Town of Farmington, the largest number receive news via social media (327 or 65.8 %), Town newsletter (289 or 58.1%) and Town website (227 or 45.7 %). When asked does the Town provide adequate sources of information about ongoing matters within the Town, 285 (58.2%) replied yes and 202 (41.4%) replied no.

5. CHAPTER 2: Background, Assets and Constraints

For the presentation of Chapter 2, Mr. Brand introduced Hal Adams, a long-time farm operator in Farmington who also serves as chairperson of the Farmington Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Mr. Adams provided the following summary:

This chapter is an account of the natural and built resources of the Town and how people are utilizing them for residing here or working here. In the past, this was referred to as “The Inventory.” Basically, it is a snapshot in time of the state of the Town which allows us to compare where we are now with the past, and also creates a reference point for future editions of this plan as we move forward. It is the longest chapter of a large document.

The Existing Land Use Map (*see* Map No. 6) was displayed on the video screen. Farmington encompasses 39½ square miles. A great deal of information is included on this map including the zones of agricultural uses, woodlands, environmentally sensitive areas (wetlands), vacant land, public facilities in the Town, single-family residential, multi-family residential, manufactured homes, and commercial and industrial areas.

The trajectory of the Town was forever set when it was bisected by the New York State Thruway and the Town was given an interchange which connects the Thruway to Canandaigua. This set in motion the development and evolution of this Town. The Plan reports that the Finger Lakes racetrack was one of the first enterprises to identify the potential of the area that was afforded by the Thruway and the interchange. Now, 60 years later, the racetrack and gaming casino is the largest employer in the Town.

The Town has somewhat of a dual nature. The southwest quadrant of the Town is highly developed for residential and commercial uses. The balance of the Town is far more dedicated to rural residential use and agriculture. At a very high level, it has been the Town’s strategy to embrace and encourage development in the southwest quadrant and not encourage it so much in other areas of the Town.

The Town has designated a “Main Street” corridor and a community center but it is more or less true that the Town lacks a clearly defined focal point. The Town has four ZIP codes, four school districts, three fire departments and two telephone exchanges. It is an open debate whether those are problems or not, but they are facts which are part of the Town.

The Existing Zoning Map was then displayed on the video screen (*see* Map No. 5). The map depicts zoning districts including agriculture, rural residential, suburban residential and other residential districts. The theme of this Comprehensive Plan is growth. The population of the Town is now over 14,000. Farmington is the second largest municipality in the County behind the Town of Victor. There are more than 2,300 residents now in the Town than there were in 2010 (a 16½ percent increase in that timeframe). That growth represents over half of all the growth in Ontario County over the same time period. And as an aside, Ontario County has experienced the greatest growth from among the six counties in the region.

Housing units in Farmington have increased from over 4,600 in 2010 to over 5,800 in 2020 (a 20 percent increase in 10 years). However, school enrollment has not increased over the same period. The enrollment in the Victor school district has plateaued. Enrollments in the other three school districts which serve the Town actually have declined. A conclusion may be that we are building houses in Farmington in which fewer young people reside.

There have been 13 significant new light industrial enterprises in Farmington in the past decade which provide a balance to the residential growth from a tax base standpoint. In 2003, the total assessed valuation in the Town was approximately \$480 million (with over 3,900 tax parcels). The Town now has an assessed valuation of over \$1 billion (with 884 new tax parcels at the time of writing).

The Public Water System map was displayed on the video screen (*see* Map No. 3). The Town provides public water to approximately 80 percent of the population and to nearly all of the businesses. About 45 percent of the land area is served by public water. There is ongoing work to improve the water service in the Town, i.e., a storage tank project and water main improvements. The Plan also documents the lack of feasibility of extending the water district outside of the designated community center (the southwest quadrant). In 2016, a citizens’ petition was submitted to extend public water service to the northeast quadrant of the Town but it came to light that the Town was not eligible for State or Federal funding, and that—without some source of grant money—the cost would have been incredibly expensive to extend water service.

The Sanitary Sewer System map was displayed on the video screen (*see* Map. No. 4). Eighty percent of Farmington residents and nearly all of the commercial and industrial areas are served by public sanitary sewer service.

The Drainage District was displayed on the video screen (*see* Map. No 8). The map depicts the existing Drainage District and those areas of the Town which are not included in the district. It also depicts the drainage divides in the Town, i.e., which way the water flows.

In the mid-section of the Town, the water follows the Thruway to the east and although it is nearly the biggest single drainage area in the Town, most of it is not served by the Drainage District.

The Comprehensive Plan also addresses stormwater management. Farmington is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community. The State's MS4 program provides guidance in stormwater mitigation in the form of water quality and quantity initiatives, and water flow, in applications for development.

Officially designated wetlands comprise 11 percent of the Town land area. This is the highest percentage of wetland than in most of the municipalities in Ontario County and represents a significant portion of the Town's land area.

A section in Chapter 2 on "circulation" is detailed with information and focus of the Town government on the road system and the four different highway classifications of the roads. The Town maintains nearly 94 miles of roads (as measured by the center lines of the roads) and approximately 15 more miles of County highways under contract. In this section of the chapter, there is a thorough discussion of new road construction, intersection projects, turning lanes, roundabouts and signals. Also included are details on the Major Thoroughfare Overlay District (MTOD) which covers the developed portion of the Town and which provides development guidance regarding keeping local traffic flow off the main thoroughfares and onto access roads. The MTOD also includes details on sidewalks, bike lanes and accoutrements of that nature as conditions of approvals of new developments and projects.

The Town has recently completed the three-mile section of the Auburn Trail Connection project, largely grant funded and the crown jewel of our Town Planner Mr. Brand.

The Ontario County Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1 and Areas of Steep Slopes (*see* Map No. 9) was displayed on the video screen. Agriculture in the Town is enabled by the New York State Agriculture District Law which provides protection of farmland and real estate tax abatements for farmland, among other benefits for farm operators. The law is a strong tool for farmland protection and farmland viability. Currently, 47 percent of the land area in the Town is considered active agriculture (over 11,000 acres). Agriculture is a significant activity in the Town and is clearly a major contributor to open space preservation. The community survey showed that this is a virtue in the eyes of many Farmington residents.

The state of agriculture in the Town is evolving. At one time, dairy was the predominant agricultural activity here. Today, there is only one remaining dairy farm in operation. Agriculture is currently stable but is not growing. There has been a clear transition of former dairy farms becoming grain operations. There has been consolidation of operations over time as some farm operators have retired. There is a clear trend to the remaining farm operators to rent more land from neighbors and also a trend of more farm operations outside of the Town working land in Farmington. There has been a modest loss of farmland in the Town in the past 10 years, i.e., a loss of approximately 450 acres.

The Town's Farmland Protection Plan, which was adopted in 2016, is the working document for the viability of farming.

The Town has supported the State grant Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program and recently was successful with a grant having been awarded for the protection of a portion of the Gerlock farm in the southern portion of the Town. It is a Town priority to encourage the use of this program for farmland preservation.

Among the recent Town accomplishments are the completion of the new Highway Department campus, the Town Court facility, expansion and accommodations of the Town parks, and the expansion of the Town Hall.

Also included in Chapter 2 is a section of the Town's history and descriptions of historic sites and cemeteries written by Town Historian Donna Herendeen.

6. CHAPTER 3: Goals, Objectives and Recommended Actions

For the presentation of Chapter 3, Mr. Brand introduced Town Historian Donna Herendeen.

Ms. Herendeen provided the following summary:

Chapter 3 is 38 pages long and provides goals, objectives and policies statements that are organized in six (6) broad functional categories (e.g., Housing and Residential Land Use, Managing the Built Environment, Conservation, Open Space and Environmental Protection, The Economy and Associated Land Uses, Transportation and Public Utilities, Facilities and Services).

Most of these statements are continued or on-going, that were established in previous planning documents and remain effective today for the next 10-year planning period.

This chapter lists the goals, objectives and recommended actions which provide the framework for the next two chapters of the Plan (Chapters 4 and 5).

There are a total of 16 Goals, 42 Objectives and 206 Recommended Actions listed for the six broad functional categories.

Here is an example of one of the six broad functional categories:

Managing the Built Environment

Goal: To shape and improve the quality of the built environment by focusing growth so as to provide for the needs of Townspeople, maintain the character of the Town, and ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

Objectives:

- a. land use, development and environmental regulations which are in accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- b. Criteria and guidelines for the various land use decisions made by Town boards and officials.
- c. Performance standards for new development, including the creation of architectural and landscaping design guidelines, for development with the mapped MTOD Major Thoroughfare and the MSOD Main Street Overlay District which are both delineated on the Town's Official Zoning Map.
- d. Focus development to avoid sprawl by giving emphasis to the Hamlet of Farmington and identifying this sub-area as the Community Center. Prepare and adopt an expanded Community Center Area Map located in the southwest quadrant of the Town, thereby making State grant funding eligible for capital improvement projects within this sub-area under the State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act.
- e. Retain and/or create parks, bike lanes and hiking trails, and public open space in conjunction with development. Link existing trail facilities to other county, regional and statewide trail systems.
- f. Mitigate adverse environmental impacts resulting from development including compliance with the Federal Phase II and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation MS4 Program requirements for storm-water management.
- g. Efficient use of public infrastructure and facilities through strict adherence to the criteria established in the State's Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act.
- h. Creative, efficient and attractive plans and designs for all development, which are also compatible with or enhance their surroundings.
- i. Well-designed physical and visual transitions between different land uses to minimize conflicts.
- j. Maintenance and improvement of the built environment, including protection of historic structures and site and adaptive reuse of structures where appropriate.
- k. Developers pay a fair share of the off-site infrastructure costs resulting from new development, based on a cost/benefit analysis, which would otherwise be borne entirely by the Town.

- l. Signs that are attractive, informative and contribute to highway and traffic safety as opposed to contributing to the distraction of motorists and thereby creating other highway safety hazards.
- m. Lighting that is “dark sky” compliant, safe, energy efficient, attractive and not visually annoying. Monitor and regulate the use of LED types of lighting and changeable message boards for commercial speech signage.

Recommended Actions for Each Objective:

The list of recommended actions for each objective is too extensive to present in any detail here during this presentation and it is suggested that those interested in the details for these actions go to the Town's website to read. Generally, the actions include new programs to regulate and/or administer land use, streamline regulations and development review processes, amending the Town's Site Design and Development Criteria, Maintaining design criteria for sites within the MTOD and MSOD, evaluating how and where limited mixing of land use might best occur, regulations to protect natural resources, and protection of historic structures and sites and the adaptive reuse of these where appropriate.

7. CHAPTER 4: Future Land Use Map and Plan Synthesis

For the presentation of Chapter 4, Mr. Brand introduced Timothy DeLucia, Past President and current member of the Victor Central School District Board of Education, Past Chairperson of the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals and a current member of the Farmington Planning Board.

Mr. DeLucia presented the following summary:

This chapter of the Plan contains 35 pages which are intended to provide: a rationale for the ongoing planning program, the distinction between a future land use plan map and the Official Zoning Map, a narrative for the information depicted on Map No. 10 (The Future Land Use Plan Map, which is located in Appendices 2 of this document) and to provide information that introduces the specific Plan implementation actions that are contained in Chapter 5.

Basic planning philosophies are identified in this chapter, they include:

- A continuation of public expenditures that has resulted in the pattern of development within the community for over the past 50 years; and
- Desirable natural characteristics that need protection (e.g., productive agricultural soils for sustaining agricultural operations, storm water control, flood prevention, fresh water wetland protection and natural resource features, etc.); and

- Existing problems that need correction (e.g., maintaining and improving public utilities, roadways, bikeways, sidewalks, trails, etc.); and
- Potential opportunities that should be exploited (e.g., connectivity of multi-modal transportation systems, expanding renewable energy sources, attracting employment opportunities, etc.); and
- Significant physical and financial constraints (e.g., federal, state and regional regulations and programs) that have to be respected.

The Plan document is not a detailed site specific rendering of the future development that is expected in Farmington. Instead, it is a design for continuing our controlled growth involving modest improvements and significant additions to the existing foundation of development—a design which is basically sound and provides for a secure framework for future development.

The Future Land Use Plan Map is for the most part a continuation of existing patterns of development and the directing of new development into areas where adequate public roads, utilities and services exist. The reasons for this are simple.

- Most of the important roads that connect Farmington to the rest of the Finger Lakes region and other areas of New York State are located in the southern and southwestern portion of the Town.
- Most of the southwestern portion of the Town has the infrastructure (e.g., public sewers, public water, gas, electric and cable services) that is needed to serve development.
- The costs associated with uncontrolled growth (i.e., sprawl) are significantly higher to provide and to maintain.
- A substantial amount of nearly level or gently sloping open land remains available for additional development in the southwest portion of the Town.
- Other areas of the Town contain large concentrations of prime and unique classified agricultural soils needed to sustain farming operations. These areas are located within an established State Agricultural Use District and there are restrictions imposed upon the Town for extending public utilities into these areas.
- Other areas of the Town have unique natural resources (e.g., steep slopes, drumlins, federal and state fresh water wetlands, and areas of mapped federally designated floodplains). Add to these natural constraints the man-made restrictions upon extension of utilities, restrictions on federal and state grant funding, and a clear lack of need to convert these rural areas.

The Future Land Use Plan Map differs from the Official Zoning Map as the Plan Map indicates a general land use pattern rather than site specific zoning district regulations.

The majority of Chapter 4 provides a detailed analysis of current existing zoning districts followed by an analysis of 15 subareas (*see* Map No. 11) which provides some of the inherent opportunities for as well as constraints to development. This analysis serves as a synthesis identifying the issues of concern that the Town will need to address as growth and development continues to occur. This synthesis contains 29 pages of narrative.

Finally, Chapter 4 describes Other Recommended Plan Actions which include continuation of the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), governmental cooperation, grant funding assistance and the need for ongoing studies and a series of new regulations. The synthesis contained in Chapter 4 provides the segue into Chapter 5—Implementation Actions for Sustaining The Plan.

8. **CHAPTER 5: Sustaining and Implementing the Plan's Actions**

For the presentation of Chapter 5, Mr. Brand introduced Aaron Sweeney, past member of the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals and currently a member of the Farmington Planning Board. Mr. Sweeney is also a volunteer firefighter with the Farmington Volunteer Fire Association.

Mr. Sweeney provided the following summary:

Chapter 5 contains a total of 11 pages.

Chapter 5 lists a total of 19 High Priority Actions to be implemented during the period 2021 through 2025. Several of these actions are underway and others are to commence in 2022. The High Priority Actions are:

High Priority Actions:

Adoption of the 2021 Edition of the Town Comprehensive Plan and Publishing
Town Board
October 2021

Adopt the State Route 96 Main Street Scape Plan and the Main Street Plan
Overlay District (MSOD) Regulations
Town Staff, Town Engineers, Town Planning Board and Town Board
March 2021–June 2021

Adopt the Town of Farmington Sidewalk Trail Master Plan Map
Town Staff, Town Engineers, Town Planning Board and Town Board
September 2021 and every two years thereafter

Prepare Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grants for funding assistance to implement the completion of the installation of sidewalk, trail connections and bike lanes shown on the adopted Town of Farmington Sidewalk Trail Master Plan Map

Town Staff, Town Engineers, Town Planning Board and Town Board
September 2021 and very two years thereafter

Complete site improvements at Beaver Creek Park
Contractors, Town Parks Department, Town Engineers
October 2021 (no organized league play on fields until Spring 2022)

Complete Streets construction improvements to the Canandaigua–Farmington Town Line Road (between State Route 332 and New Michigan Road)
Town Boards of Canandaigua and Farmington and Town Highway Departments
January 2021–December 2023

Construction of a new Brickyard Road Water Tank and installation of new water main through the northern portion of the Town of Canandaigua into the Town of Farmington.
Canandaigua–Farmington Water District
June 2021–July 2022

Construction of the Beaver Creek Sewer Line, from Pump Station 1 to the Interceptor Sewer.
Farmington Town Board, Farmington Water and Sewer Department
January 2022–December 2023

Construction of a parallel sewer line along Mertensia Road to convey additional wastewater from the South to the Interceptor Sewer.
Farmington Town Board, Farmington Water and Sewer Department
January 2023–December 2023

Maintain a Town Sewer District and Establish an Official District Map
Town Board, Town Water and Sewer, Town Engineer and other Town Staff
June 2021–December 2021

Adopt a Town Water Districts Official Map
Town Board, Town Water and Sewer, Town Engineer and other Town Staff
June 2021–December 2021

Amend Chapters of the Town Code
Town Board, Town Code Advisory Committee and other Town Staff
January 2021–June 2022

Accept and Implement the State Route 332 and Route 96 Sub-Area Study Action Items

Town Planning Board and Town Board

June 2021–December 2021

Prepare and Publish the Update to the Town of Farmington Open Space Inventory

Town Board, Town Conservation Board and Town Staff

June 2022–December 2022

Prepare and Publish the Update to the Town of Farmington Water Service Master Plan

Town Board, Town Staff and Town Engineers

January 2022–December 2022

Prepare and Publish the Town of Farmington Open Space Master Plan

Town Board, Planning Board, Conservation Board, Agriculture Advisory Board and Town Staff

January 2023–December 2023

Update the Town of Farmington Parks & Recreation Master Plan—2018 Edition

Town Board, Planning Board, Conservation Board and Agricultural Advisory Committee

October 2022–September 2023

Evaluate the Creation of a Town-wide Drainage District

Town Board, Planning Board, Agricultural Advisory Committee and other Town Staff

January 2023–December 2023

Prepare a Town of Farmington Community Center Master Plan amendment to the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan

Town Board, Town Planning Board, Town Conservation Board

January 2024–December 2024

There are also a total of four Medium Priority Actions to be implemented during the period 2026–2030. They are:

Medium Priority Actions (2026–2030):

Conduct a Survey of Town Residents

Town Board and Town Staff

June 2027–December 2027

Update the Population and Housing Elements of the Comprehensive Plan
(American Community Survey 5-year Estimates)
Town Board, Town Planning Board and Town Staff
January 2028–December 2028

Prepare a Housing Plan
Town Board, Town Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and other Town Staff
January 2029–December 2029

Adoption of the 2030 Edition of the Town Comprehensive Plan and Publishing
Town Board
January 2030–December 2030

Finally, there are a total of 12 Ongoing Priority Actions to be implemented during the planning period 2021–2030. They are:

Ongoing Priority Actions (2021–2030):

Maintain the Comprehensive Plan
Town Board, Town Planning Board and Town Staff

Maintain the Town’s MS4 Program Requirements
Town Board, Town Staff

Amendments to Town Code and Town Zoning Map
*Town Board, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals,
Conservation Board and Agricultural Advisory Committee*

Maintain the Town of Farmington Major Thoroughfare Overlay District (MTOD)
Official Map
Town Board, Town Planning Board and Town Departments

Maintain the Town of Farmington Open Space Inventory
Town Board, Town Conservation Board and Town Staff

Evaluate the benefits for improving the Town’s rating under the Federal
Emergency Management Agency’s Flood Insurance Community Rating System
Town Board and Town Staff

Pursue Federal, State and County programs to extend affordable high speed internet
services throughout the Town and County.

Explore the benefits of creating a Historic Sites and Buildings Preservation Local
Law
Town Board, Town Historic Preservation Committee and Town Staff

Maintain the adopted Water and Sewer Master Plans
Town Board and Town Staff

Cooperate with other governments in the creation of regional and county plans and programs affecting the Town such as, but not limited to, drainage solutions based upon existing drainage divides (not municipal boundaries), solid waste and recycling programs, and facilities.

Town Board and Town Staff

Coordinate with the State Insurance Service Office to enhance the Town's Fire Protection Class rating

Town Board, Town Staff and representatives from the volunteer fire departments

Create a Transportation Master Plan including a Bicycle, Sidewalk and Trail System Master Plan

Town Board, Town Departments and Planning Board

These Priority Actions represent the Town Board's commitment to address known concerns of the community and provides a timeline for accomplishing them. This is not new, as the 2011 Edition of the Comprehensive Plan contained a similar listing of high, medium and ongoing priority actions. As the 2021 Plan identifies, the majority of these previous actions have been accomplished. These priorities and the priorities from Chapter 3 will help to sustain the community's quality of life and to realize the future land use pattern envisioned on the Future Land Use Plan Map (Map No. 10). Those that haven't continue to be identified in the 2021 Edition of the Comprehensive Plan.

Many of the recommended Actions in the 2021 Plan rely upon steps to be initiated and/or completed before they can be successfully implemented. For example, grants or other engineering sources need to occur to determine the feasibility of constructing improvements. Such a process was successfully used for funding the Auburn Trail Extension Project and, hopefully, the 2021–2022 Transportation Alternatives Program Sidewalk Trail Project. The recently completed "Route 96 & 332 Sub Area Study" (Bergmann Associates and Barton and LoJustice Associates, December 2021) provides feasibility for several other transportation related implementation actions during the next planning period.

One of the largest unknowns, at this time, is whether Congress will provide the Infrastructure Bill and, if they do, what limitations may come with it. Having completed several feasibility studies already, the Town is ahead of the curve and, hopefully, will be able to benefit from whatever guidelines are created.

Having an up-to-date Comprehensive Plan also provides another benefit to our community, as this is an important consideration that has been voiced by several State agencies administering existing grant programs under the State's Consolidated Funding Program.

Chapter 5 provides the responsibilities for adopting and maintaining the Plan throughout the 10-year planning period. Tonight's Public Hearing is the beginning of the formal adop-

tion process to be completed by the Town Board. Any amendments to tonight's Plan document will be made and the forwarded onto the Town Board.

Chapter 5 also identifies the Criteria to be followed for amending the Plan; how the Town will respond to Dissent in the Plan Maintenance Process, which briefly states:

- Consistency will be maintained with the officially adopted goals, objectives and recommended actions and the Future Land Use Plan Map (Map No. 10). If changes to these are proposed, the Town Board will need to justify and document the need for change and amend the plan accordingly.

Whatever amendments are made to the draft plan will then be submitted to the Town Board who will conduct the first of two public hearings on the 2021 Edition of the Plan. After that Public Hearing, any additional amendments are made to the document in the form of a final draft along with the environmental record for SEQR compliance. The final draft is then submitted to Ontario County Planning and the Ontario County Agriculture Enhancement Board for their reviews and a recommendation is made under the provisions of the New York State General Municipal Law. Upon receipt of these reviews and the recommendation, a second and final public hearing is conducted by the Town Board prior to adoption.

Upon adoption, several hard copies of the document are published. These copies will be provided to Town Officials and will be available for purchase by the public. One copy is to be filed with the Town Clerk's Office, one copy is to be filed with the Ontario County Planning Department. A PDF of the 2021 Edition will be posted on the Town's website where it will remain during the next 10- year planning period.

The Plan calls for annual reporting to the Town Board on the implementation actions. These reports are created by the Town Board's Operations Committee, with assistance from the Town Planning Board. Each year's report, when accepted by the Town Board, will become part of the Appendices (Appendix No. 5).

Chapter 5 answers the question . . . "Why is the Plan identified for a 10-year planning period?" There are several reasons for this which include the timeline contained in the Plan for implementing High and Medium Priorities which reflect the commitment of time involved with completing the various components of such implementation actions (e.g., engineering reports, feasibility studies, public input, etc.).

Another consideration is that every 10 years the U.S. Census conducts a Population and Housing Survey which provides new data for growth and development that has occurred in the municipality.

Finally, the 10-year planning period is not a hard and fast date. As provided for, annual reports may identify the need for new High or Medium High Priorities to be amended into the Plan document. Thus, the 10-year planning period acknowledges the Town's limited resources for completing actions and the ongoing requirement for maintaining the Plan, while establishing a fixed date when the update process is to start all over again.

9. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Mr. Brand then asked twice if anyone in the meeting room wished to comment or ask questions on the presentations on the draft of the 2021 Edition of the Comprehensive Plan Update. There were no requests from those in the meeting room.

Mr. Brand then asked twice if anyone on the Zoom video conference wished to comment or ask questions. There were no requests from those on the Zoom video conference.

10. NEXT STEPS IN THE FORMAL ADOPTION PROCESS

Mr. Brand said that the Committee's next step is to refer the draft 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update to the Farmington Town Board. This referral will begin the formal adoption process. The Town Board will then have 90 days to schedule the first of two Public Hearings (*see pp. 3–4 above for the subsequent adoption steps*).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brand extended his thanks to the members of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update Committee for their work over the past two years and to those who made presentations at this evening's Public Hearing. He said that the video recording of the hearing will be posted on the Town website for public viewing. Mr. Brand encouraged residents to read the Plan and offer their questions and concerns to the Town Board when their first Public Hearing is scheduled in November.

■ The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, the front entrance doors to the Town Hall were locked.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Robortella, Clerk of the Farmington Planning Board L.S.

Attachment #1:
Committee Meeting Notice, October 13, 2021

Attachment #2:
Legal Notice published in the Canandaigua *Daily Messenger* newspaper, October 16, 2021

Attachment #3:
Farmington Facebook Social Media Post, October 18, 2021 (9 pages)

Attachment #4:
Canandaigua *Daily Messenger* newspaper “Bulletin Board” notice, October 26–28, 2021

Attachment #5:
Town Board Resolution #450 of 2019

Attachment #6:
Committee members, advisors and email distribution.

Attachment #1: Committee Meeting Notice, Page 1:Gmail - PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: Farmington Comprehensive Pl... <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=1f90ffa167&view=pt&search=al...>

John Robortella <john.robortella@gmail.com>

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: Farmington Comprehensive Plan, Oct. 28th , 6:30 p.m.

John Robortella <john.robortella@gmail.com> Wed, Oct 13, 2021 at 4:10 PM
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Farmington Comprehensive Plan 2021 Update
Thursday, October 28, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Farmington Town Hall in person or via Zoom Video Conference

To:
Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee
Committee Advisors
Town Board
Planning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town Staff

From:
Ron Brand

To access the draft of the 2021 Farmington Comprehensive Plan:

1. Go to the Town of Farmington website home page.
2. Select "Meetings/Agendas/Minutes" from the tabs on the left side of the home page (third tab from the top).
3. Select "Comprehensive Plan Update" (third tab in the menu).
4. Select the link "2021 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan—DRAFT" for the complete draft. The Zoom information and pass code are also located here.

Attachment #1: Committee Meeting Notice, Page 2:

Gmail - PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: Farmington Comprehensive Pl... <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=1f90ffa167&view=pt&search=al...>

It has been some time now since I last communicated with you on the chapter and map updates to the 2011 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan.

The preliminary draft of the 2021 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan with all five chapters and some of the appendices is now posted on the Town's website.

Also posted on the Town's website is the information for public participation, both in person and virtually on Zoom video conference, at the public hearing scheduled for Thursday evening, October 28th starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall.

While there have been numerous delays in this prolonged update process, we nevertheless have now completed a preliminary draft that I believe is ready for public review and comment. I am working with a number of members of the Committee who will be making presentations on the document at the public hearing. My role that evening will be limited to providing an overview of the update and formal amendment process.

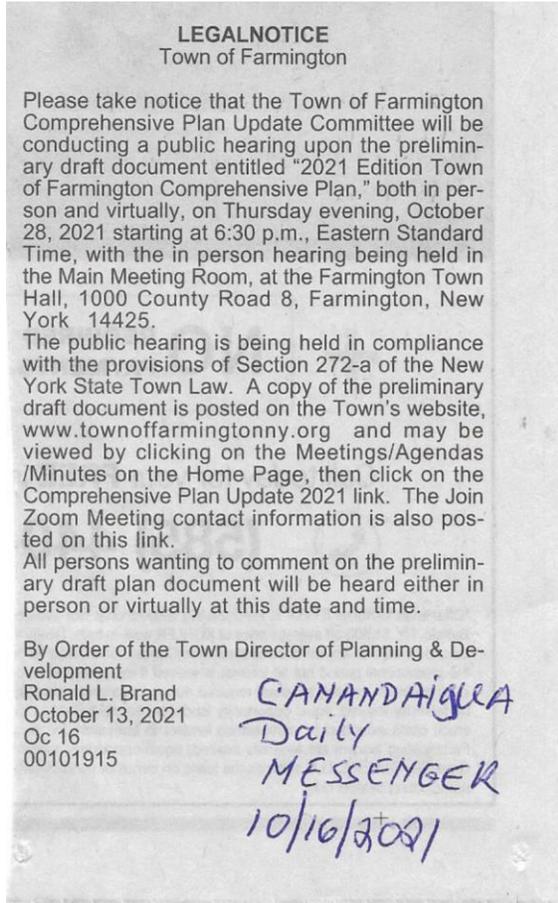
The Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee was established by the Town Board, in late 2019, to prepare the amendments to the 2011 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan. Thus, the Committee is required by New York State Town Law to hold a public hearing on the proposed draft document before submitting it to the Town Board. Once the final draft document is submitted to the Town Board, then they also are required to hold their first public hearing on the document. After that public hearing, the Town Board authorizes any further amendments and then submits the document to the Ontario County Planning Board for its review and recommendation. The Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board will also be provided a copy of the document for their review subject to the provisions of article twenty-five AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. Then, upon receipt of the referral and recommendations from these two county agencies, the Town Board is required to hold a second public hearing before taking action to adopt the plan document.

The document, when adopted, will be known as the 2021 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan. Adoption by the Town Board will most likely occur in January 2022 given the timeline involved with publishing public notices, county meeting dates and any further amendments that may be deemed necessary.

The document posted reflects feedback I have received from several of the members of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and its advisors. This does not mean, however, that you as a member of the Committee cannot still propose additional amendments. If you find something in the preliminary draft that you do not understand please let me know as soon as possible. Please also keep in mind that this is the community's next 10-year edition of its ongoing planning program that began in 1967. As with any such amendment, there will most likely be individual thoughts and ideas to be considered.

If you have any questions please reach out to me at rbplans@gmail.com or my cell phone (585) 766-7972. I promise to provide any technical advice for your understanding of this next step in the update process.

Attachment #2: Legal Notice October 16, 2021, Canandaigua Daily Messenger newspaper:



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Farmington Facebook Social Media Post, October 18, 2021, Page 1 of 9**



Peter Ingalsbe Farmington Town Supervisor
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Please take notice that the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee will be conducting a public hearing upon the preliminary draft document entitled "2021 Edition Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan," both in person and virtually, on Thursday evening, October 28, 2021 starting at 6:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, with the in person hearing being held in the Main Meeting Room, at the Farmington Town Hall, 1000 County Road 8, Farmington, New York 14425. The public hearing is being held in compliance with the provisions of Section 272-a of the New York State Town Law. A copy of the preliminary draft document is posted on the Town's website, www.townoffarmingtonny.org and may be viewed by clicking on the Meetings/Agendas/Minutes on the Home Page, then click on the Comprehensive Plan Update 2021 link. The Join Zoom Meeting contact information is also posted on this link. All persons wanting to comment on the preliminary draft plan document will be heard either in person or virtually at this date and time



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- The Town of Farmington's first master plan document was prepared for the Town Planning Board in 1967. The document iden... **See More**

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Farmington Comprehensive Plan update;

- The Town of Farmington's first master plan document was prepared for the Town Planning Board in 1967. The document identified two urbanizing areas, the intersection of State Routes 96 & 332, and Pumpkin Hook.
- Over the years there have been updates to the Plan in 1987, 1993, 2003 and 2011.
- The Town Board, in 2003 the Town Board first adopted what has now been changed to the Town Comprehensive Plan. In 2011, the Town Board adopted t... **See More**



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- The Town Board, in 2003 the Town Board first adopted what has now been changed to the Town Comprehensive Plan. In 2011, the Town Board adopted the "2011 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan."
- In the fall of 2019, the Town Board created the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and charged this group of Town residents and Town staff with the task of preparing an update which has become known as the 2021 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan.
- One of the Committee's first tasks was to conduct a town wide survey which was completed by approximately 500 people. This survey helped to define important concerns to our residents.
- The Committee now has completed a draft document of approximately 200 pages in length and a public hearing to be conducted by the Committee has been scheduled for Thursday evening, October 28, 2021 commencing at 6:30 p.m. This will be both an in-person public hearing and a virtual public hearing broadcast on Zoom. Contact information has been posted on the Town's website page along with the draft Plan document.
- Here are some of the findings contained in the Plan Update document:
Since 2011, 52 businesses have either come to Farmington, or have relocated to new sites in Farmington, to meet their growing needs.
- As of the end of 2020, there were 510 new single-family detached dwelling units constructed since 2011; there were 337 new townhouse dwelling units constructed; and 168 new apartment units.

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In August of this year, the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau released the following data which finds:

- Ontario County's population increased during the last ten-year period (2010 – 2020) by a total of 4,527 people bringing the total population to 112,458 people. This is an increase of 4.2% since 2010. Ontario County's population increase is the largest increase within the six-county region (e.g. Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Wayne and Yates Counties). The County's increase in population is just over twice that for Monroe County during this census period. The other four counties all reported population loss.
- Farmington's population increased by a total of 2,345 people, during the last ten-year period, bringing the Town's total population (2020) to 14,170 people. This is an increase of 16.5% since 2010.
- The population increase for the Town of Farmington during the last ten-year period (2010-2020) accounts for 51.8% of the total population increase within Ontario County during this census period.
- The Town of Farmington, as of 2020, ranks second in total population in the County. The Town of Victor, as of 2020, ranked first with a total population of 15,860 people (does not include the Village of Victor). We now have more people living in the Town of Farmington than live within the City of Geneva.
- The total number of Housing Units within the Town of Farmington, in 2010, was 4,664. The total number of Housing Units within the Town of Farmington, in 2020, was 5,814. This is an increase of 1,150 Housing Units during the past decade. This equates to a twenty percent (20%) increase in Housing Units during the past ten (10) year census period.

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- During the past ten (10) year census period, there was reported an increase of 4,392 Housing Units in Ontario County. The Town of Farmington's total number of additional Housing Units (1,150) is twenty-six point two percent (26.2%) of the County's 2020 Housing Unit total.

The 2021 Edition of the Plan is recommending the following new actions to be undertaken:

- Redefine the "Community Center" as further defined under the provisions of the State of New York Infrastructure Policy Act of 2010. This edition of the Plan further defines the Sub-area south and west of the intersection of State Routes 96 and 332 as being the Town of Farmington's "Community Center." It is within this subarea that the Town will be creating a mixed use community with a planned neighborhood offering equal emphasis upon public transportation, the automobile and pedestrian accessibility. The 2021 Edition of the Plan calls for the preparation of a detailed master plan showing new streets, mixed land uses, new intersections, new trails and a sidewalk network making the "Community Center Area" a destination as opposed to just another pass through area.
- Continue to support state funded farmland protection programs including the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements.
- Maintain the Town's Open Space Index during the Plan Period.
- Create a Town Open Space Plan during the Plan Period.
- Create land use regulations to protect our unique natural resource areas while accommodating development.

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- Promote the development of Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack site as a tourist destination with such elements as a large scale conference/convention center, a facility for the promotion of live Broadway Theatre Productions and for a wide variety of specialized commercial land uses in support of such a tourist facility.
- Maintain the Auburn Trail connection with the Town of Canandaigua, the City of Canandaigua and the Ontario Pathways.
- Maintain both Water and Sewer Master Plan Maps during the Plan Period.
- Complete the planned development within the Auburn Meadows Subdivision Tract, Monarch Manor, Hathaway's Corner, Farmington Pointe and other mixed land use sites located within the expanding "Community Center Area."
- Complete the 40-acre parkland site known as Beaver Creek Park and complete the linear pedestrian trail connections between the Park and the Auburn Trail.
- Create a Main Street Corridor along portions of State Route 96 and provide for distinct land use regulations to accomplish the recommendations contained in the "Town's Main Street Corridor Plan's recommended Guidelines for the Route 96 Corridor."
- Enact land use regulations to support and sustain a growing senior citizen component of our community.

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- Continue to maintain the Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Prepare a Transportation Master Plan that identifies priority areas for completing links within our developing sidewalks, bike lanes and trails that connect with the Auburn Trail Corridor.
- Continue to plan for capital improvement projects that are affected by the ongoing operations at the Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack site and rely upon the State Legislature's commitment to fund these eligible projects.
- Continue to support volunteer services within the community and seek ways to help sustain membership in these organizations.
- Continue to use social media sources, Town Newsletters, Town Website and publish meeting agendas to facilitate public awareness within the community.
- Continue to participate in state, regional, county and local programs that impact growth and development within the Town of Farmington.
- Evaluate the feasibility and benefits of creating a town-wide drainage district.
- Evaluate the impacts associated with the introduction of public sewer service into other subareas of the community.

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- Support federal and state programs for sustaining renewable energy sources while protecting valuable non-renewal agricultural soils and farming operations.

I encourage everyone to take the time to read the Plan Update, to become informed about our community and then participate in the upcoming public hearing. At the public hearing, you will learn more about the draft Plan and its' implications for guiding future growth and development in Farmington.



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A screenshot of a Facebook post's comment section. At the top right, it says "Most Relevant" with a dropdown arrow. Below this is a comment input field with a "Write a comment..." placeholder and icons for emojis, GIFs, and stickers. The first comment is from Jennielynn Tsop, who says she appreciates the information on Facebook for accessibility but is sad about the loss of forestry in Farmington since she moved there in 1999. Her comment has 2 likes. The second comment is from Laura Flory Opiela, who says "Stop. Building. Everything. On. Route 332." and has 1 like. At the bottom, there is another "Write a comment..." input field.

Attachment #4:
Canandaigua Daily Messenger “Bulletin Board” listing, October 26–28, 2021
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Bulletin Board TUESDAY, OCT. 26

American Red Cross blood drive: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 26, American Legion Post 457, 1346 state Route 96, Phelps. Participants must be ages 17 or older, 16 with parental consent, and bring ID. Visit redcross.org for information.

Kids/Girls Who Code: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 26, Gorham Free Library, 2664 state Route 245, Gorham. For grades 3-12. Explore computer coding while learning additional skills such as focus and collaboration. For information: 585-526-6655.

Magical Mushrooms and Mystical Molds: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 26, Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Dr. Shannon Nix will lead an introductory exploration into the world of Kingdom Fungi. Free. For information: littlakesny.org or 585-367-1046.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

Wednesday Storytime: 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 27, Gorham Free Library, 2664 state Route 245, Gorham. For children and families. Program includes stories, crafts and snacks. Theme: 'Apple Picking.' For information: gorhamlibrarydirector@owwl.org or 585-526-6655.

Homeschool Group: 11 to 11:45 a.m. Oct. 27, Gorham Free Library, 2664 state Route 245, Gorham. Join other homeschool families for lessons and activities planned by library staff. For information: rfreier@pls-net.org or 585-526-6655.

Parkinson Support Group of the Finger Lakes: 1 p.m. Oct. 27 via Zoom. Tobi Keefe will present 'Sleep Issues and Parkinson's Disease.' Call 585-396-9245 or 585-624-1448, email swgillim@yahoo.com or gshellma@rochester.rr.com, or visit parkinsonsupportgroupofthefingerlakes.com for information.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28

Registration ends for 'The Appeal of Burma-Shave Signs' (7 p.m. Oct. 28): Geneva History Museum, 543 S. Main St., Geneva. Dennis Randall will share how Burma-Shave sought to expand its sales with an innovative advertising program. Zoom options available. Registration required by noon Oct. 28. Free.

self-pay cost is \$40 and \$75 for high-dose vaccine. Masks required. For information: 585-924-1510.

Crafter-School Special: 4 p.m. Oct. 28 via YouTube. For grades K-5. Make a spooky mummy lantern with Wood Library. Visit woodlibrary.org to register for a materials bag.

Anime Club: 6 p.m. Oct. 28, Wood Library, 134 N. Main St., Canandaigua. Watch 'Spirited Away' with friends and help us plan future gatherings. Rated PG. Visit woodlibrary.org for information.

Tai Chi Class: 6 to 6:45 p.m. Oct. 28, Gorham Free Library, 2664 state Route 245, Gorham. Led by Bryan Flood. Feel better while focusing and de-stressing. Held outdoors, if possible. Call 585-526-6655 to register.

'Witchcraft Trails in Colonial America': 6 p.m. Oct. 28, Lyons Public Library, 122 Broad St., Lyons. Joe O'Toole will examine colonial attitudes toward witchcraft, tell the story of accused 'witches' and explore the reasons for the hysteria in Salem. Registration required. For information: lyonslibrarydirector@owwl.org or 315-946-9252.

Farmington Comprehensive Plan Update Committee: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28, Farmington Town Hall, 1000 County Road 8, Farmington. Zoom option available. Call 585-766-7972, email rlbplans@gmail.com or visit townoffarmingtonny.com for information.

'Dark Times for Bats' 7 p.m. Oct. 28, Finger Lakes Community College, 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, Hopewell. Al Hicks will cover the natural traits of bats that once made them masters of the night sky, but now puts them at risk of extinction. Visit forms.gle/ni6ASnyXagppRH9Z7 for information.

Submit your event or announcement

Go to mpnnow.com/calendar and follow the simple steps to submit your event or announcement. The service is free, and your item will appear online and in print, as often as you want.

CANANDAIGUA DAILY MESSENGER - TUES, OCT 26, 2021

Attachment #5:

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION #450 OF 2019
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

Re: Establishing the Update Committee for the 2020 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan; and providing a charge to said Committee.

WHEREAS, the Farmington Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) has the authority that is granted under the provisions of Section 272-a of New York State Town Law to maintain the adopted Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter referred to as Comprehensive Plan); and

WHEREAS, the latest edition of the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Town Board, by Resolution #209 of 2011, on July 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also has the authority under the provisions of Section 272-a of New York State Town Law to appoint a committee and to give said committee a specific charge to undertake, prepare and present to the public an update to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the recommendations received at tonight’s meeting from the Town Operations Committee for creating a Comprehensive Plan Committee to be comprised of eleven (11) members; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has also considered the recommendations received from the Town Director of Planning and Development to have a staff of Town advisors to attend workshop meetings of the Update Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to have a final draft of the update to the Comprehensive Plan officially submitted to the Town Board at its first meeting in May 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has already directed the Town Director of Planning and Development (hereinafter referred to as Director) to begin working on updates to the various maps contained in the 2011 Edition of the Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby establish a Comprehensive Plan Update Committee that is to be comprised of a total of eleven (11) members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Update Committee shall be comprised of the following members: Steven Holtz from the Town Board; Shauncy Maloy from the Town Planning Board; Thomas Yurch from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals; Susan Hilton from the Town Conservation Board; Henry Adams III from the Town Agriculture Advisory Committee; Donna Herendeen, Town Historian; and the following Town residents: Bryan Adams, Susan Hopkins Charland, Tim DeLucia, David Plante and Arron Sweeney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as Advisors to the Update Committee: Don Giroux, Town Highway and Parks Superintendent; Robin MacDonald, Town Water and Sewer Superintendent; Julie LaRue, Town Recreation Advisory Committee; Dan Delpriore, Town Code Enforcement Officer; John Robortella, Clerk of the Update Committee; and Ronald L. Brand, Town Director of Planning and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee shall work directly with the Director of Development in making the various amendments to the adopted Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan for presentation to the Town Board for its consideration and acceptance; and for the commencement of the official amendment process required under New York State Town Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John Robortella is hereby appointed to serve as the Clerk to the Update Committee and to assist the Director of Development in making the final editing changes to the 2020 Edition of the Town of Farmington Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Director of Planning and Development shall serve as their chairperson of said Committee and shall be responsible for preparing meeting agendas, meeting notices, various updates to the chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and provide periodic reports to the Town Board.

Attachment #6:

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