

ALMOND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 Comprehensive Plan
September 11, 2018

A joint Public Hearing of the proposed 2018 Comprehensive plan for the Town of Almond and the Village of Almond was held at the Almond Municipal Building on the 12th day of June, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Village Mayor John Meehan and Town Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole at 6:01pm.

Present: Village Mayor John Meehan, Village Board Members: William Lockwood, Paul Gabriel, Tim Drum, Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole, Town Board Members: Jo-Anne Freeland, Bryan Snyder, Larry Perry, Dan Hegarty, Town Clerk Shelly Stevens, and Allegany County Director of Economic Development and Planning, Kier Dirlam.

Meeting opened for public comment by Town Supervisor Dawn Wildrick-Cole at 6:02pm.

Allegany County Director of Economic Development and Planning, Kier Dirlam stated that one of the primary reasons for a new comprehensive plan is to support the rewriting of zoning laws for both the Village and the Town. The Zoning laws are quite out of date, going back to 1970s. According to state law, in order to update the zoning laws, the comprehensive plan must be updated first. Secondly, it is important to have an updated comprehensive plan to assist and support grant applications. Third, the updated comprehensive plan is used to show future priorities for the community to perspective new residents as well as future businesses.

The Town and Village of Almond proposed 2018 Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the Allegany County Planning Board for approval.

Members of the Planning Board commented that the project was a long labor of love, which they thank Keith Stanley and Kier Dirlam for being the core of this project, and efforts by everyone involved were appreciated. Town Supervisor DWC reciprocated the appreciation and thanks of all of their hard work.

There was a public request of additional methods of making information available to the public, including newspapers, use of the Fire Department street sign, and radio PSA announcement. The Town Clerk made note of this request.

A motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting was made by Supervisor Dawn, and seconded by Larry at 7:00pm. Village Mayor John also made this motion, seconded by Paul. The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made by Dawn to approve the SEQR Negative Declaration and seconded by Jo-Anne. . The motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made by Dawn, Town Board, to approve the 2018 Comprehensive Plan and seconded by Jo-Anne. Dan abstained from voting. The motion passed in favor.

A motion was made by John, Village Board, to approve the 2018 Comprehensive Plan and seconded by Paul. The motion passed with all in favor.

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Both the Village Mayor and the Town Supervisor declared this a huge step between the Town and Village, thanking the individuals who worked on the project for several years as well as both boards for their support of the project.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawn, Town Board, and seconded by Bryan at 7:04pm. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John, Village Board, and seconded by Paul at 7:04pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Stevens
Town Clerk