Town of Conquest Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop: November 17, 2022

Town Officials Present:

Charles Knapp, Supervisor.

Steering Committee Members Present:

Bob Vogel; Sue Montana; Joni Lincoln; Tallie Czajkowski; Dorothy Slegle; Shannon Bozeat; Dale Powell; ...

Public Attendees:

Sign-In sheets attached. Total attendance ~40.

Staff Present:

David Nelson, Cayuga County Planning; Greg Diebold, Cayuga County Planning.

Community Workshop Summary

The Community Workshop was held in an open house format with guests visiting seven different stations focused on goals for each Inventory & Analysis chapter:

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Community Facilities
- Culture & Recreation
- Economic Development & Hazard Mitigation
- Future Land Use
- Land Use & Housing
- Vision Statement & Goals Overview

Cayuga County Planning staff and Conquest Comp Plan Steering Committee members were available to answer questions at each station.

The following comments were received:

- Houses falling down versus houses not falling down: why are they not taxed the same?
- In 1976, there were 920 homes in Conquest. Is there still only 920 homes?
- Priorities: 1. Appropriate land use; 2. Strengthened Town ordinances that allow Town
 Board and resident taxpayers to effectively manage development while also protecting
 individual landowners from unwanted development [that is] not in the best interest of the
 Town/community; 3. A transparent action plan with clear objectives, actions,
 timelines/milestones, accountable persons, [and] transparent outcomes.
- The stretch of NY370 in the northeast corner of the Town (about 1 mile long) should be included in the Growth/Investment Area.

- Concerns regarding fencing of the solar arrays (in regard to wildlife becoming entrapped) and the distribution of power to the transmission lines running to NY Power Authority.
- Evidently about 10 years ago there was an effort to put some type of racetrack in Conquest located in vicinity of the Wayne County border near Spring Lake. The comment was that there was deep concern over the impact of the area in regard to noise, dust, and property value. What role can CP play?
- Town needs to provide sound deadening solutions/requirements when property owners want to use their property for loud type uses (racetrack, sawmill, large truck garages/repair, etc)
- When Ag land reverts to non-ag use such as a commercial use, applicable taxes and laws/regulations need to apply.

The meeting concluded at 8pm.