

DRYDEN TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE PLANNING BOARD MANAGE AND EXECUTE A GENERAL UPDATE TO THE TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the current Comprehensive Plan was written in 2004 and 2005 and approved on December 8, 2005, and the Foreword to the Plan recommends the Plan be updated every five years. Consequently an update to the Plan is overdue, and

WHEREAS, the Goals and Recommendations section of the Plan states that comprehensive plans are based on the "values held by a community at large". The community values which form the basis of the Plan are based on survey data that was collected in 1990 and 1999. A new survey should be conducted and used to validate and update the views and values of Dryden residents, and

WHEREAS, much of the Plan is focused on controlling the location and nature of residential development in the town and the inventory map (Map 2-5) in the Plan showing locations of such development is based on data that is over 25 years old. A new inventory should be conducted and used to determine the extent to which zoning and subdivision codes are effective in influencing residential development to meet the Plan goals including goals for walkable communities and affordable housing, and

WHEREAS, the Town's inventory of Recreational Resources and Transportation issues, which have a large bearing on livability in the Town, have changed significantly and should be updated to determine trends and needs, and

WHEREAS, the Dryden Town Board has affirmed Dryden's commitment to be a Climate Smart Community but the Plan is largely silent on the topic of climate change *and energy. As a priority*, the Plan should be updated to *address those matters*. ~~define the Town's role in increasing resilience to climate change, reduction of green house gas emissions, improved energy efficiency in the built environment, and increased use and production of renewable energy,~~ and

WHEREAS, an update to the Plan should include an analysis of the degree to which the goals of the Plan are still relevant and whether they are being realized by Dryden's local laws, and

WHEREAS, the Town has budgeted \$20K for FY2019 to begin the update process, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has, by resolution, recommended a general update to the Plan and has offered to manage the update process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that the Planning Board manage a general update to the Town Comprehensive Plan using a process that includes Town staff, boards and commissions, and the citizens of Dryden.

Further, the Town Board requests that the Planning Board engage the services of a planning consultant to prepare the update and to complete the update within two years.