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TO: Town Board, Robert Koegel

FROM: Stephanie Townsend

RE: Amendments to Comprehensive Plan Draft

Building on the thoughtful work done by the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee, I submit these amendments for consideration:

Goal: Community Character

1. Given the consensus previously expressed by the Town Board that it is important to enact a demolition code that ensures adequate review and public notification of demolition applications, I propose:
 - a. Page 34, Residential Development, Policies: ADD “Enact a policy for review and public notice of demolition applications”
2. In support of the Supervisor’s suggestions for making the language more explicit and detailed about housing for residents 55 and over, I propose in the Amendment proposed by the Supervisor adding a section “Aging in Place”:
 - a. ADD “Review current codes pertaining to suites in single family homes for their effectiveness at providing suites for elderly family members that promote maximum independence.”¹
 - b. ADD “Explore public-private partnerships for building housing for residents 55 years and older.”
 - c. ADD “Study the suitability of a Housing Trust Fund for providing financial support for housing for residents 55 years and older.”²

Goal: Mobility

1. In light of the persistent reports of traffic safety concerns, especially speed, that the Town is receiving, I propose:
 - a. Page 56, Actions: ADD “Conduct a town-wide traffic safety assessment to identify priority areas and subsequent actions to increase safety”
 - b. ALTERNATIVELY: I am satisfied if we add this study to the Active Transportation Plan.

Goal: Healthy Living

1. To make explicit that clean energy does not only include solar energy, I propose:
 - a. Page 57, Policy: EDIT the current policy statement to read: “Identify and pursue alternative clean energy technologies that benefit residents of the Town, including solar, wind, and geothermal technologies.” (underlined portion indicates the new wording)
2. Following up on the recommendations of the Environmental Board, I propose:
 - a. Page 57, Policy: ADD “Review the existing incentive zoning rules to encourage environmentally sustainable building designs, materials, and technology.”

¹ If the specific codes need to be specified, I believe they are in Article XVII, Section 185.

² Note: My proposal is only to study whether a Housing Trust Fund is a viable and effective possibility for Pittsford. I do not want to propose establishing a Housing Trust Fund unless it is warranted by the findings of such a study.

3. Following up on the recommendations of the Environmental Board, I propose:
 - a. Page 57, Actions: ADD "Review the Design Guidelines to ensure they allow for non-traditional building designs and materials that are more energy efficient and environmentally sustainable."