

**PITTSFORD JOINT BOARDS WORKSHOP**  
**SCHOOL/TOWN/VILLAGE**  
**Tastings Restaurant**  
**Champagne Room**  
**May 31, 2007**

**Present:**

**School:** M. A. Price, P. Schwert, A. Shaffer, B. Kecskemety, J. Harter  
Lennox, K. McCluski, Alka Phatek, Ed Starowicz, Roni Walker  
**Town:** B. Carpenter, K. Green, S. Zutes, J. Bernacki, J. Higgins, L. Dillon  
**Village:** T. Galli, M.B. Cleary, S. Maddox, P. Sherwood, A. Hartsig  
**Facilitator:** Ned Paulsen

1. Mr. Paulsen reviewed the agenda.
2. Goals from 2002-2006 were reviewed.
3. It was suggested that the Collaboration Agreement be reevaluated and renewed. Because there are new members, a date should be set for resigning the agreement. It was further suggested that once the Agreement has been signed, it could be placed on the individual websites.
4. Guiding Question #1 was presented: **What are our criteria for “quality community” in relation to Pittsford?** Mr. Paulsen suggested that the characteristics should be assessable, be replicable, promote collaboration, bring the community closer together and result in people wanting to stay in or move to Pittsford. The group concluded that Pittsford must benchmark against other quality communities to determine the areas in which we do well and the areas that may need improvement.
5. Groups brainstormed Guiding Question #2: **How can we assess our progress in terms of the criteria?** The group identified several “buckets” and the criteria for each bucket as follows:

**EDUCATION**

graduation rate

test scores

higher education institutions within the community

number of AP course offerings

number of enrichment opportunities outside of the classroom

number of special needs opportunities

school ratings

quality of staff credentials

adult ed, preschool and tutorial opportunities

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**ECONOMY**

housing values/real estate stability  
thriving village and town businesses  
job opportunities  
keeping youth in the area  
unemployment rate  
business growth  
tax rate  
fiscally sound /responsible financial planning  
good value for dollars spent  
governmental long term planning

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

number of acres of public parks  
number of sports playing fields  
canal/waterfront recreation  
number of biking and hiking trails  
program offerings  
community events for all seasons  
golf courses  
health and fitness facilities

**SAFETY/HEALTH**

crime rates  
fire/ambulance services  
number of police officers per capita  
quality medical/health care services  
sidewalks/streetlights/pedestrian amenities

**TOURIST ATTRACTIONS**

village  
canal  
major sports events (Buffalo Bills and golf events)  
Walnut Hill Carriage event  
Wegmans  
movies/ theatre productions

**SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

local medical services  
clean and well maintained road infrastructure  
library  
open government  
strong two-way communication  
community center  
schools

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colleges  
country clubs/golf courses

**CULTURE**

college events  
town/village/school events (concerts & plays)  
historic preservation/charm  
town/village/school publications  
visually appealing & inviting  
high expectations and standards  
reputation for collaboration/unity  
community identity and pride

**VALUE**

quality for cost

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

population density  
average age  
median income  
diversity  
children per household  
education level  
population stability  
length of residency  
neighborhood associations/familiarity  
involved people  
friendliness

**ENVIRONMENT**

open space  
water quality  
pollution  
property maintenance  
agriculture/farming  
environmentally sensitive community  
conservation  
historically sensitive/preservation  
planning & zoning  
human scale  
intrinsic beauty

**TRAFFIC**

average commuting time  
congestion during peak hours

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

volunteerism  
service groups & organizations (ex. Scouts)  
school clubs & participation

**ACCESSIBILITY TO REGIONAL DRAWS**

skiing  
water (Lake Ontario, Finger Lakes, canal)  
city  
hospitals  
theatres  
wine country  
restaurants  
airport  
sporting events  
cultural activities  
health care facilities  
diversity of offerings  
services (ex. salons)  
shopping

6. Summary/Next steps

The education and promotion of the collaboration within the community and the establishment of goals for continuous improvements are important purposes of the Leadership Committee and the yearly joint board meeting.

Suggestions for next steps were:

- Determine what criteria best measures a quality community and then measure those criteria against other communities.
- Identify assets that we value and determine if they are high quality assets.
- Find a community with a whole mix of “things” (the largest collection of assets). Then weigh the viability of those assets.

The Leadership Committee will review the material developed this evening. At the suggestion of Mr. Paulsen, they will begin with the “tangible” and “doable”. They will decide upon a baseline and cull down to certain categories. Leadership Committee Members will report back to their individual boards. Conclusions will be included in individual board minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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