

Pittsford needs YOU to plan for its future

I have written before about the project to update Pittsford’s Comprehensive Plan. This undertaking began this past summer and is now at the point where we need residents, business owners and other community members to share their views and advice. For this purpose the Town has scheduled a public visioning meeting for Thursday, November 5 at 6pm in the Pittsford Community Library at 24 State Street.

Pittsford last reviewed its Comprehensive Plan in 2009. Since then, changes in our community, in Town policies and the emergence of new opportunities have given rise to the need for an update.

In the most fundamental sense, the purpose of this project is to define goals for Pittsford’s future, based on foreseeable trends, needs and concerns, and to revisit the shared values that have shaped our community as it is today, applying and adapting them as necessary to meet the challenge of changes in the years ahead.

Late last year the Town engaged Bergmann Associates, who have long experience in municipal planning, to collect data, gather background information and complete an analysis of existing conditions as a basis for review. The Town assembled a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, consisting of community members representing a broad spectrum of backgrounds and experience, to guide and shape the project. The committee began meeting this past summer. In addition, we’ve met with a range of community stakeholders to explore specific topics of importance.

I view this activity as prefatory to the most important part of shaping a new plan – hearing directly from you, our residents, business owners, community groups and institutions. This is why we’ve scheduled the upcoming public visioning meeting; it addresses fundamental questions. What do we want our community to look like in the future? What are our common goals and ideals for the quality of life in Pittsford?

Updating our Comprehensive Plan offers a significant opportunity for you to make a difference in guiding the future of our community. Again, the public visioning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at 6pm in the Pittsford Community Library at 24 State Street. We expect to have several such meetings in the months ahead. Please attend if you can. You can learn more about the Comprehensive Plan update at www.PittsfordPlan.com. You can also use the website to share your own ideas with me and with the Comprehensive Plan Committee, if you can’t make the meeting.

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