MEMO

DATE: July 10, 2026

TO: Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

FROM: Adam Yagelski, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Update: Open House Event Summary

On June 22, 2026, the Town hosted the first public event as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update. The event, called the Comprehensive Plan Open House, was intended to receive input on key existing conditions findings, the proposed draft vision statement and goals, as well as present an opportunity for initial future land use input.

This memo is intended to provide an overview of the meeting and the public input received. Approximately three dozen attendees were present, exclusive of Working Group Members and elected Town officials. The event was held from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm at Town Hall, located at 283 Manny Corners Rd. in the Town.

Event Promotion and Structure

The meeting was advertised on social media, via the project website, the Town's TextMyGov push notification platform, and among Working Group and other Town officials' networks. In addition, a townwide mailing was carried out with postcards delivered to about 4,708 addresses. Copies of the meeting fliers and marketing materials are included as Attachment A. Among the event attractions were two food trucks from local vendors and, while intended to be outdoors, steady, significant rainfall on the day of the event required that the materials with which attendees interacted were relocated inside Town Hall.

To solicit participation and feedback, ten boards were created, one for high-level process and project background and draft vision statement; one for each topic area; and a final board for the future land use activity. These boards were arranged in stations on tables in Town Hall, at which were provided stickies and comment cards with envelopes for each Topic.

For each of the eight topic areas, boards summarized key assets and challenges gleaned from assessment of existing conditions and presented the draft goals. Attendees were invited to place a sticker to rate the degree, on a Likert scale ranging from strongly disagree to neutral to strongly agree. For the future land use

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board, attendees were invited to place on a map of the Town particular color stickie dots representing desired land uses. At all boards, comment cards were made available and attendees invited to share additional written thoughts. Copies of these boards as completed by attendees are included as Attachment B, and comments received are summarized in Attachment C. No open-ended comments were received on the draft vision statement.

Goals Feedback Summary

This section presents a summary of the Topic Area goals feedback received. Images of the completed Topic Area Boards are included as Attachment B. In terms of the following summary, two goals were erroneously listed twice, and the ratings were added and are reported combined. Written comments (see Attachment C) were assessed and where multiple individual topics or discrete points were made, these are reported as separate written comments, though they might have been provided on one comment sheet; a total of 23 comment sheets were received, and a total of 30 discrete written comments are reported in the what follows.

Overall, a total of 506 ratings (stickie dots) were recorded, the majority (81%) of which indicated agreement or strong agreement. On the other hand, only about 5% of ratings expressed some level of disagreement. There was no disagreement with goals for Topic III, Community Facilities and Services, and Topic IV, Public Utilities and Infrastructure. Conversely, Topic VII: Housing and Neighborhoods elicited the greatest range of sentiments, though majority sentiment remained agreement or strong agreement.

<u>Topic I: Environment, Open Space, and Agriculture</u>

- Number of stickie dots placed: 63
- While the majority (81%) of ratings indicated agreement or strong agreement for this Topic's goals, there was some disagreement with each except for the climate resilience goal, which on balance attendees were split between neutral and agreement.
- There were no written open-ended comments.

<u>Topic II: Parks, Recreation, and Historic Resources</u>

- Number of stickie dots placed: 62
- The majority of responses (82%) indicated agreement with this Topic's goals. A small level of disagreement was registered for each goal except that associated with increasing amenities while balancing Town costs.
- The two written open-ended comments related specifically to historic resources. One comment expressed support for these efforts, especially

where linked to broader regional and NYS history. And one comment indicated a concern about the balance between preservation efforts and private property.

Topic III: Community Facilities and Services

- Number of stickie dots placed: 66
- The majority of input recorded (83%) expressed agreement with the draft goals for this Topic, and there was no disagreement recorded. It is notable ratings of goals related to investment in both Town-provided essential services and use of technology in local government – about 33% and 25%, respectively – were neutral.
- Four comments were received. Two comments were related to emergency services and concern about sustainability, given decreasing number of volunteers, and support for full-time, paid fire and EMS was expressed. Two comments expressed support for providing additional facilities and locations for community events and to host activities for middle-age and high school-age students.

Topic IV: Public Utilities and Infrastructure

- Number of stickie dots placed: 64
- The majority of input recorded (81%) expressed agreement with the draft goals for this Topic, and there was no disagreement recorded. However, nearly one fifth (18%) of ratings were neutral.
- Four comments were received. Two comments were specifically related to unevenness in water rates and water usage metering. One comment indicated support for the Town developing its own water supply and wastewater treatment facilities (i.e., in lieu of relying on the City for these services), and suggested historical planning for these facilities as a starting point. Finally, one commenter noted that natural gas service is not evenly available in the Town.

Topic V: Transportation

- Number of stickie dots placed: 74
- With the exception of transit service, where one response indicated disagreement 78% of input received indicated agreement with the draft goals for this topic. About 20% of responses were neutral.
- One comment received indicated support for increasing transit service outside of the Route 30 corridor.

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Topic VI: Local Economy

- Number of stickie dots placed: 53
- While the majority (89%) of responses expressed agreement with the goals, including substantial support for the Town intentionally supporting existing businesses and small businesses in the Town's more rural areas. As compared to other Topics, a relatively higher level of disagreement (about 8%) was expressed for goals relating the Town intentionally engaging with regional economic base activities.
- The one comment received indicated support for revitalization of the movie theatre on Route 30, expressing concern that the Town competes unfavorably with other regional destinations, such as Schenectady and Johnstown.

Topic VII: Housing and Neighborhoods

- Number of stickie dots placed: 80
- While the majority of input (70%) expressed agreement with the draft goals, as compared to input received for other Topics, this Topic received the highest number (15) and largest share (19%) of disagreement. And within those who agreed, most 59% strongly agreed, reflecting a relatively higher degree of divergence in sentiment toward farther ends of the rating scale. Still, 11% of ratings were neutral.
- All respondents disagreed at least somewhat with each of the four draft goals, although 86% strongly agreed with the goal, "Preserve the character of Amsterdam's rural areas and the lifestyle residents settling here enjoy."
- The goal, "Increase the diversity of housing types available in the Town to meet the needs of people from a variety of backgrounds and ages," elicited the most disagreement (38%), with 24% expressing strong disagreement.
- Four comments were received. Two comments expressed disapproval of a multi-family development presently under construction in the Town, with one suggesting a need for design standards. One comment expressed support for more and newer housing, asserting that a large share of the existing housing stock is aged and may need upgrades or replacement. Finally, one comment indicated a need for open space and bike/ped facilities in the Town's neighborhoods.

Topic VIII: Land Use and Development

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- Number of stickie dots placed: 44
- Goals for this Topic received relatively less rating input (44 compared to the average of 63 stickers). No disagreement was expressed and nearly all (95%) ratings expressed agreement with the draft goals presented, with nearly two thirds (64%) strongly agreeing.
- This Topic also received the greatest number of written comments, 10:
    - Two comments expressed disapproval of allowing cannabis retail and farm uses in the Town.
    - Two comments expressed disapproval for solar uses in the Town.
    - Four comments were generally related to preservation of existing patterns of rural vs. more developed areas of the Town. Two of these comments specifically related to the existing R-1 zoning district, with one indicated that its boundaries relative to the B-1 and B-2 districts should be preserved and the other indicating that the R-1 as a whole is an asset. One comment expressed support for maintaining rural areas and quality of life. A final comment specifically expressed disapproval for strip-style development along the Route 67 corridor.
    - One comment expressed a need for additional investment in terms of revitalization generally.
    - One comment expressed support for limiting short-term rentals to areas of the Town where multi-family development is allowed.

Future Land Use Feedback Summary

This station included a board with a map of the Town and surrounding area with basic information, such as roadways, parks, and waterways, as well as tax parcel boundaries. Participants were asked to place a colored stickie dot in the areas where certain types of development should be located. A copy of the completed map is included as Attachment D. A general summary of feedback is as follows:

- A total of 15 stickies were placed on the map. No stickers representing "Retail and other commercial" or "Multi-family housing" were placed on the map.
- Five stickies representing single family housing were recorded and placed mainly in areas with existing similar development. One was placed east of the Village of Hagaman, along Hammondtown Rd.
- Four stickies representing parks and recreation were placed throughout the Town, two of which coincided with Ted Ellenwood Park and the

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Pioneer Street former mill site, and one at the Village of Hagaman park. One was placed along the Mohawk River, near the hamlet of Cranesville.

- Four stickies representing open space were placed along Hammondtown Rd., along Belfance Rd. (between Route 67 and Maclachlan Dr.), one at the Strawberry Fields nature preserve off of Cranes Hollow Rd., and one in the area of Korona Ln.
- Two stickies representing manufacturing and light industrial were placed along Belfance Rd. (between Route 67 and Maclachlan Dr.) and along the Mohawk River between Cranesville and the easterly Town border.

Like the Topic stations, this station also included comment cards and an envelope to collect completed cards. Four written comments were received at this station:

- Two comments expressed support for additional housing, in the form of affordable townhomes and senior housing.
- One comment expressed support for maintaining clean water and limiting development.
- One comment expressed a need for additional investment in terms of more businesses to the Town to increase employment.

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Attachment A: Meeting Fliers and Marketing Materials

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Amsterdam Town Hall
283 Manny Corners Rd. Amsterdam

Monday June 22, 2026; 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Enjoy Food Truck Snacks
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First come, first serve until gone.

The Town of Amsterdam is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan, also called a master plan. It is a document that provides direction for long-range planning decisions in the Town. Input from the community is essential to help local decision makers take a look at where the community has been, where it wants to go, and how it can get there.

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Attachment B: Completed Topic Boards

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Topic 1: Environment, Open Space and Agriculture

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ The most prominent landform is the Mohawk River Valley; notable geological features include Hoffman's rock cut, Cranes Hollow, and the Tribes Hill bluff high above the Mohawk River.
- ★ Limitations to development in the Town are broadly caused by shallow depth to bedrock, wetlands, and slope
- ★ Loss of farm operations, with no. of larger farms increasing
- ★ Wetlands cover 16% of Amsterdam's land area and productive aquifers underlay much of the Town
- ★ Residential, vacant, and ag land uses account for 83% of land area, and urbanization has focused on the Route 30 Corridor

Identified Assets

- ✓ Large tracts of open space outside of the more intensely developed Route 30 corridor
- ✓ Small-scale agriculture
- ✓ Relatively compact form of the more developed Route 30 corridor

Identified Challenges

- ! Water quality concerns in the Mohawk River watershed
- ! Loss of farmland & ag operations; farm transition dynamics
- ! Development constraints due to soils, slopes, and water resources in certain portions of the Town

Goals

Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Support environmental conservation efforts in the Town and Mohawk River Basin					
Balance growth and development with the need to protect the Town's natural resources					
Leverage opportunities to increase resilience in the Town with respect to changes in weather patterns					
Support active agricultural production and farmland conservation at various scales, as well as agricultural enterprises operating in emerging segments, which contribute to food and fiber production, as well as ag resource and open space conservation in the Town					

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Topic 2: Parks, Recreation and Historic Resources

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Prominent historic sites include Fort Johnson and Huricanna Farm; NYS barge canal passes through the Town, and other structures and locations of recognized historic importance
- ★ Access to municipal public parks and rec facilities in Fort Johnson, Hagaman, and the City of Amsterdam, with a network of private non-profit organizations providing access to trails, water resources, and open space
- ★ 450 acres of cemetery lands owned by a diverse group of nearly two dozen owners

Identified Assets

- ✓ Significant cluster of healthcare facilities in the Town
- ✓ County leadership with respect to emergency medical services
- ✓ Relatively small amount of Town-owned land

Identified Challenges

- ! Relatively few Town-owned parks and recreation resources
- ! Lack of access to the Mohawk River within the Town
- ! Few multi-use or other trails in the Town
- ! Development pressure and compatibility with historic resources

Goals

Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Identify and pursue opportunities to connect the Town, and its residents and businesses, with the Mohawk River					
Work to increase recreation amenities and opportunities available to, and desired by, Town residents while balancing costs associated with their provision and operation					
Partner with and support organizations at all levels and across various sectors working to provide open space and recreation amenities					
Celebrate the Town's unique historic resources and continue to support preservation efforts					

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Topic 3: Community Facilities and Services

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Three volunteer fire departments serving the Town
- ★ EMS service provided by a network of municipal and private providers, with County EMS Division covering gaps
- ★ 12 NYS-registered healthcare facilities located in Town, providing hospital, outpatient, urgent care, skilled nursing and specialized diagnostic and treatment services
- ★ Primary/secondary education provided by Greater Amsterdam School District, with FMCC serving graduates
- ★ Town Hall staffed full time with part-time support

Identified Assets

- ✓ Existence of network of organizations and stakeholders working to enhance parks and recreation amenities
- ✓ Rich history of human settlement
- ✓ Growth and investment in the Town provide resources to increase park and rec infrastructure

Identified Challenges

- ! Staffing and maintaining fire departments serving the Town
- ! Matching Town Hall staffing capacity with needs
- ! Some town-owned lands with history of contamination

Goals

Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Support the Town's first responders and the organizations making their service in the Town possible					
Provide that investments in delivering essential services are commensurate with increases in the Town's population and commercial growth in the Town					
Identify and pursue, or provide support to, partnerships with other area governments where these partnerships have potential or in fact result in increased efficiency of delivery of essential services					
Continue to leverage technology to enhance local government services					

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Topic 4: Public Utilities and Infrastructure

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Town supplies 375 services and a population of approx. 3,500 people with water, with major service areas along Route 30 and the Harrower Area. The source is the City of Amsterdam.
- ★ Centralized wastewater service is available along Route 30 and is ultimately treated by the City. Infrastructure owned by the Town is relatively new and provides capacity for future development.
- ★ Private and public entities provide stormwater management
- ★ Broadband internet is available to most areas of the Town
- ★ Electric service is by National Grid, which also provides gas
- ★ Six separate utility solar sites with total 28 MW capacity

Identified Assets

- ✓ Water and sewer infrastructure supports commercial and residential investment in the Town, and much of it having been installed recently, is in good condition and capacity for growth
- ✓ Broad availability of telecommunications service

Identified Challenges

- ! A few areas have known water system hydraulic limitations
- ! Solar and battery energy system development pressure
- ! Addressing increased water and sewer demand due to growth
- ! Stormwater management, especially with increased impervious surface and changing weather, will be a key need

Goals

Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Leverage the Town's water and sewer utilities as the substantial public investments they represent					
Ensure that, as development occurs where served by the Town's public water and sewer infrastructure, needed investments made as part of this process are coordinated and efficient with respect to service of future potential users					
Identify and pursue strategic investments in the Town's sewer system aimed at addressing water quality issues or operational and performance challenges					
Support efforts to increase availability of high-speed internet and wireless broadband service across the Town					

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Topic 5: Transportation

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Three important NYS Routes traverse the Town, including Route 5, Route 67, and Route 30, which is a major regional destination and route
- ★ Transit service connects the Town to Schenectady and commuter bus service is available providing a connection to Albany
- ★ Access to Amtrak service and barge canal is nearby, in the City
- ★ Major freight rail service passes through the southern portion of the Town
- ★ Outside of the Village, sidewalks located exclusively along Route 30; trail systems in the Town mainly limited to recreation use
- ★ Town responsible for about 48 lane miles of roadways, relatively low by geographic area and population size in Montgomery County

Identified Assets

- ✓ Public transit recently reactivated by CDTA in the Town
- ✓ Rte. 30 corridor is heavily traveled providing accessibility to residents, business patrons, tourists, and commercial activities
- ✓ Planning for additional roadways to access Route 30 has resulted in several access roads built; sidewalks line a large portion of the road
- ✓ Town Highway Dept. maintains 24 miles of Town and assists with maintenance of 40 miles of County roadways

Identified Challenges

- ! Increased traffic due to growth, both in the Town and along Route 30, including proliferation of curb cuts and safety needs
- ! Relative lack of separate bike/ped facilities

Goals	Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.				
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Support continued provision of transit service to the Town and region					
Continue to support, develop, and lead efforts aimed at enhancing safety, mobility, and accessibility along the Route 30 corridor					
Continue to invest in the Town-owned portions of the road network					
Update and implement the plan for the Town's future roadway network					

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Topic 6: Local Economy

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Median age of the Town's population was 47.7, over 15% higher than comparable County and region, though median age decreased between 2020 and 2024
- ★ Age structure has been evolving toward more individuals in middle age, though labor force participation is lower compared to the County and Region
- ★ Residents' commute times either 10-20 min. or 45-60 minutes
- ★ Approximately 335 business employ about 5,500 people
- ★ Relatively higher number of restaurant, healthcare, retail, manufacturing, and finance/insurance establishments given the Town's population size

Identified Assets

- ✓ Robust retail and healthcare sectors provide a regional hub of activity
- ✓ Relatively well-educated population that has recently been trending younger
- ✓ Relatively high density of manufacturing businesses per unit of population as compared to NYS and the US

Identified Challenges

- ! High concentration of businesses and land use in one industry, the national retail sector
- ! Median age of the Town's population continues to be relatively higher
- ! Matching provision of services to growth in the Town's commercial sectors

Goals	Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.				
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Work to support existing businesses in the Town, including those small businesses operating in the Town's rural areas					
Identify and pursue opportunities to attract new investment in the Town linking to expanding regional commercial and industrial activity, such as the tech sector, that is compatible in scale, intensity, and the Town's vision					
Monitor trends in the retail and healthcare industries and prepare for shifts that may have land use implications in the Town					
Work to support existing businesses in the Town, including those small businesses operating in the Town's rural areas Redundant to first goal					

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Topic 7: Housing and Neighborhoods

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Settled areas with unique character and sense of place within the Town include: Cranesville, Fort Johnson, Tribes Hill, Manny Corners, and Village of Hagaman; open space and ag land and Route 30, Mohawk River, and City grid pattern define the Town's remaining character areas
- ★ Most (80%) of units are owner-occupied, though multi-family developments have increased in the several years
- ★ Number of housing units increased markedly between 2000 and 2010 but the rate of increase to the 2024 figure of 2,430 decreased
- ★ Since 2010, permits issued for 80 new single family and over 200 multi-family units– trend since 2010 is increasing number of units annually

Identified Assets

- ✓ Recognizable places with substantial open spaces outside of these more settled and developed areas
- ✓ Public utilities facilitate a range of housing types and prices
- ✓ Attraction of developers of new residential units, including multi-family and single-family

Identified Challenges

- ! Potential mismatch between housing types available and needs of households at different life stages, whether younger or older
- ! Maintaining neighborhood character and compatibility where increases in both residential and commercial investments are occurring

Goals

Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Preserve the character of Amsterdam's rural areas and the lifestyle residents settling here enjoy					
Increase the diversity of housing types available in the Town to meet the needs of people from a variety of backgrounds and ages					
Where public water and sewer services as well as walking and biking infrastructure and transit are available, allow more compact, mixed-used development compatible with established neighborhoods					
Celebrate Amsterdam's identifiable neighborhoods and areas as unique places, and ensure new development and other land use changes are compatible with their character, feel, and built environment					

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Topic 8: Land Use and Development

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Town zoning law adopted in 2009 and amended several times since to address emerging land uses and evolving needs; subdivision regulations date to the 1960s
- ★ Multi-family housing allowed in two zoning districts; various types of senior and assisted living housing allowed
- ★ Single family unit density 1/5 acres outside of public water/sewer areas
- ★ Accessory dwelling units allowed and limited to senior citizens
- ★ Light manufacturing permitted
- ★ Zoning addresses solar energy systems and prohibits battery energy storage system

Identified Assets

- ✓ Zoning has provided a framework within which the Route 30 corridor, in particular, has seen steady investment since 2004
- ✓ Changes in the Town due to land development have been relatively consistent, with commercial investment along Route 30 and single-family residential outside of this area

Identified Challenges

- ! Zoning law dates to 2004 and should be evaluated considering changes in the two decades since, and this plan update
- ! 1960's era subdivision regulations should be evaluated relative to current state-level law and the updated plan and amended, as needed
- ! Address potential impacts, required capital projects, and services created by growth

Goals	Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.				
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Ensure that land use regulations are consistent with this Plan					
Ensure that new development in the Town is mated to appropriate investments in the Town's transportation, public utility, and recreation infrastructure so that demands do not outpace the Town's ability to sustainably supply these services					
Strive for efficiency in the land use development process while ensuring that requirements are applied and incorporated into proposed development projects					
Ensure that land use regulations are consistent with this Plan					

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Attachment C: Summary of Written Comments

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Topic #	Topic Description	Comment Type	Comment Text
II	Parks, Recreation, and Historic Resources	Goals & Other Thoughts	Historic preservation should not come at the cost of hindering current landowners. If it does then compensation should be provided to land owners.
II	Parks, Recreation, and Historic Resources	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	The idea of preserving and promoting our historic sites is an idea that should be pursued not just in the Town but linked with the other sites in the greater area and ultimately NYS. It all contributes to tourism.
III	Community Facilities and Services	Goals & Other Thoughts	More community areas for [illegible] music, get togethers
III	Community Facilities and Services	Goals & Other Thoughts	Places for kids to go - educational center - high school and middle school kids
III	Community Facilities and Services	Goals & Other Thoughts	It's time to move from volunteer fire and EMS to paid full time positions.
III	Community Facilities and Services	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	There needs to be a plan for coverage in the Town as volunteer numbers dwindle and close up or are forced to close. Time to look at a Town plan for coordinated services and support
IV	Public Utilities and Infrastructure	Goals & Other Thoughts	It's time to separate from the City of Amsterdam usury rates and develop our own water/sewer resources. The original master plan identified water resources in the Town. Resurrect those plans.
IV	Public Utilities and Infrastructure	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	Concern about water rates. Willow Rd residents seem to use 3-4 times more water than [illegible]
IV	Public Utilities and Infrastructure	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	Water usage. How can 1 residence use 771 meters of water and 1 residence use 18 meters on different site [illegible]
IV	Public Utilities and Infrastructure	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	Natural gas is still needed to expand to areas in the Town.
V	Transportation	Goals & Other Thoughts	We need expanded transit to our rural roads. Unless you are near Rt 30, nothing is available.
VI	Local Economy	Goals & Other Thoughts	Let's renew and modernize the movie theatre on Rt 30 or another location in the Town that would be attractive and inviting. We lose business to Schenectady and Johnstown

Topic #	Topic Description	Comment Type	Comment Text
VII	Housing and Neighborhoods	Goals & Other Thoughts	Implement green spaces and walking and biking trails like Clifton Park
VII	Housing and Neighborhoods	Goals & Other Thoughts	Design standards must be considered. An example of bad design is Log City Rd.
VII	Housing and Neighborhoods	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	This community is in dire need of housing. A large percentage of local housing has seen its useful lifespan.
VII	Housing and Neighborhoods	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	Log City Rd Apartments are a disgrace! No more please.
VIII	Land Use and Development	Goals & Other Thoughts	No more cannabis farms or stores that sell it
VIII	Land Use and Development	Goals & Other Thoughts	No cannabis
VIII	Land Use and Development	Goals & Other Thoughts	No solar
VIII	Land Use and Development	Goals & Other Thoughts	Maintain pure water, less development
VIII	Land Use and Development	Goals & Other Thoughts	Less solar
VIII	Future Land Use	Goals & Other Thoughts	More business to bring more employment in the Town.
VIII	Future Land Use	Goals & Other Thoughts	More affordable townhomes.
VIII	Future Land Use	Goals & Other Thoughts	Senior housing is needed.
VIII	Future Land Use	Goals & Other Thoughts	Maintain rural areas and quality of life.
VIII	Land Use and Development	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	No expansion of B-1 or B-2 into R-1 district
VIII	Land Use and Development	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	No [illegible] strip zoning on Rt 67
VIII	Land Use and Development	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	Restrict air B&B's to multi-family districts.
VIII	Land Use and Development	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	Rural location, R1 zoning are assets
VIII	Land Use and Development	Ex. Conditions/ Assets/Challenges	Need to do revitalization

Attachment D: Completed Future Land Use Board

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Topic 8: Land Use and Development

Existing Conditions Highlights

- ★ Town zoning law adopted in 2009 and amended several times since to address emerging land uses and evolving needs; subdivision regulations date to the 1960s
- ★ Multi-family housing allowed in two zoning districts; various types of senior and assisted living housing allowed
- ★ Single family unit density 1/5 acres outside of public water/sewer areas
- ★ Accessory dwelling units allowed and limited to senior citizens
- ★ Light manufacturing permitted
- ★ Zoning addresses solar energy systems and prohibits battery energy storage system

Identified Assets

- ✓ Zoning has provided a framework within which the Route 30 corridor, in particular, has seen steady investment since 2004
- ✓ Changes in the Town due to land development have been relatively consistent, with commercial investment along Route 30 and single-family residential outside of this area

Identified Challenges

- ! Zoning law dates to 2004 and should be evaluated considering changes in the two decades since, and this plan update
- ! 1960's era subdivision regulations should be evaluated relative to current state-level law and the updated plan and amended, as needed
- ! Address potential impacts, required capital projects, and services created by growth

Goals	Please indicate by placing a dot in the grid below, whether you feel the Town should pursue this goal over the next 10-20 years.				
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Ensure that land use regulations are consistent with this Plan					
Ensure that new development in the Town is mated to appropriate investments in the Town's transportation, public utility, and recreation infrastructure so that demands do not outpace the Town's ability to sustainably supply these services					
Strive for efficiency in the land use development process while ensuring that requirements are applied and incorporated into proposed development projects					
Ensure that land use regulations are consistent with this Plan					

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