



LAKE LUZERNE 2023 TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

December 3, 2023, 7PM Town Municipal Center

Committee Members: Wayne Allison, Maryalice Barnaby, John Cerveney, Roderick Gardner, Patricia Goldberg (Zoom), Art Havighorst, John Kurimski, Frederic Ury (Zoom), and Sonya Harris; **Town Board Representative:** Jim Niles; **Consultants:** Tracey Clothier and Drew Alberti; **Zoom Tech:** Kris Modelo.

1. General Discussion and Comments

- a. School enrollment was highest in 1999-2000 at 1166 and has been steadily dropping to the low of 635 in 2020-2021. 2021-2022 saw the first increase in over 20 years (+16) to 651 students. Some of the drop in school enrollment 2019- 2021 may largely be due to families homeschooling.
- b. Need to do a townwide assessment of internet availability. Reliable internet is essential in order to attract people and businesses. The school conducted a survey recently and Mary Alice will try to get hold of the results.
- c. Need to assess the availability and reliability of cell phone service to improve residents' safety and quality of life. Can signal boosters be a feasible solution?
- d. Bicentennial Park is best location for playground and amphitheater. In order to incorporate these elements, the park needs to be master planned so that it is handicap accessible and all elements, including parking, are well sited.
- e. The Town Hall property has many opportunities to become a hub for other community services – housing, trails, health center to name a few. A concept for the site should be developed that considers several alternatives that meet the goals and objectives of this plan.
- f. Review the parcels in the hamlet that are divided by different zoning districts. Make recommendations that resolve conflicts, as practical and feasible.
- g. Health care is still an issue with no nearby Hudson Headwaters Health Center. The closest facilities in Corinth and Warrensburg are at capacity for many if not most health services especially dental. The Town should make an effort to reach out to HH and recruit them to Luzerne.
- h. Review the feasibility of adding dock access from the lower Hudson River into the downtown.
- i. Create a landscape and management plan for the welcome center across from the rest area west of Lake Vanare.
- j. Support and invest in the visitor marketing technique of detour-detain-divest.
- k. Recruit business involvement and school in COC and community events. Could there be a successful "Community Day of Service"?
- l. Lake Luzerne Music Center is a world class facility. How can it be promoted as such and convinced to hold some events off campus?



- m. Utilize Huttopia which is trying to be a good partner and promote all events and activities in Luzerne.
- n. Try to avoid more recommendations for action items and limit more planning items.
- o. Combine recommendations that are related for no more than 10 primary projects. Provide detail so that there is a clear road map to implementation.
- p. Include a detailed implementation strategy that includes appointing 2 people to report to the Town Board on recommendations and actions that should move forward or be included in future budgets for funding.
- q. Set a public meeting date and discussed the remainder of the schedule.

2023 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE SCHEDULE		
Advisory Meeting #1: Strengths, Needs & Opportunities Workshop	May 10, 2022	X
Advisory Meeting #2: Community Profile/Plan Goals & Objectives	June 7, 2022	X
Main Street/Downtown Field Walk	June 25, 2022	X
Advisory Meeting #3: Hamlet - Assets, Issues, Opportunities	July 12, 2022	X
Advisory Meeting #4: L Vanare/Rt 9 Corridor: Assets, Issues, Opportunities	August 9, 2022	X
Community Open House #1: Public Presentation and Comments	September 1, 2022	X
Advisory Meeting #5: Review of Public Comments/Visioning Workshop	September 13, 2022	X
Advisory Meeting #6: Review of Draft Recommendations	November 22, 2022	X
Advisory Meeting #7: Review of Final Recommendations	January 3, 2023	X
Community Open House #2: Presentation of the 2023 Plan	February 7, 2023	
Advisory Meeting #8: Review of Public Comments	March 2023	
Town Board Presentation	March 2023	

2. Primary Recommendations

- Updated Zoning Ordinance and Map
- Hamlet Revitalization Blueprint
- Marketing and Promotion Strategy
- Broadband and Cellular Service Gap Survey
- Municipal Water System Rehabilitation
- Route 9N Corridor Improvement Plan
- Townwide Housing Strategy
- Lake Watershed Implementation
- Recreation Master Plan

3. Final Steps in the Plan Update

Public Meeting #2 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 6pm. The proposed individual projects will be shown in a poster session and a PowerPoint presentation will be made highlighting the individual recommended projects and the implementation strategy. These will be posted on the Town website and emailed to people who subscribe to the Town Newsletter as well as those who attended the last public meeting.