

## Introduction to Comprehensive Plan Update – June 2019

(Used to provide background to candidates for committee membership)

### **What is the Comprehensive Plan?**

- Identifies the vision, goals, objectives, principles, and guidelines for the immediate and long-range protection, growth and development of the town
- It answers the questions:
  - What does our community look like now?
  - What should it look like in the future?
  - How do we intend to get there?
  - Why should it be done?
- It is a blueprint that integrates many sectors of the town, such as, transportation, human services, recreation, environment, and economic development
- It serves as the foundation for all our zoning regulations

### **What's involved in developing a Comprehensive Plan?**

- Identify strengths, needs, community resources, and commonly held goals
- Strive to reach a community consensus; get input as broadly as possible
- Develop an action plan, including future governmental actions

### **What will the committee do?**

- Begin late-summer
- The project is expected to last 12 months
- The full committee will meet once a month; subcommittees perhaps more often
- The current plan is generally regarded as a solid foundation, it is expected that the overall level of effort involved in updating the plan to be fairly modest
- Initial tasks:
  - Decide what in the current plan needs updating, especially the action plan
  - Puzzle out the best methods for getting public input
  - Decide which update tasks will be performed in-house and which it will recommend should be handled professionally
  - Develop a budget for approval by the Town Board