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Victor, NY – 8/25/15 – Victor Town Board Adopts Comprehensive Plan – After countless meetings, input sessions, rewrites and material review the Town Board unanimously adopted the revised Comprehensive Plan at the Monday night Town Board meeting. The completion of the plan was accomplished through a collaborative effort of the Comprehensive Plan steering committee, transportation, land use, and economic development focus groups, residents, consultants, and Town staff.

“After hours and months of meetings and discussions about the content of the revised Comprehensive Plan, the committee was finally able to reach consensus. While not all of Victor residents will, in all likelihood, agree with all of the content, we believe that the plan accomplishes what we set out to do and will serve the residents of Victor well, now and in to the future,” said Town Planning Board Chair and steering committee member Ernie Santoro.

The Town Board opted to prepare a generic environmental impact statement (GEIS) in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to evaluate potentially significant adverse environmental impacts relating to the adoption of the plan, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, and implementation of Phase I strategies. A GEIS process has four steps including preparation of a draft EIS, public comment, a final EIS, and issuance of findings.

“The completion and adoption of Victor’s Comprehensive Plan provides the Town with the roadmap necessary for the future of our community that reflects the wants and needs of our residents. We look forward to engaging a team to begin working on the next phase of implementation of the initiatives set forth in the plan and I wish to thank the numerous residents and staff that contributed to this effort,” said Victor Town Supervisor Jack Marren.

“The new Victor Comprehensive Plan reflects the effort, input and priorities of numerous residents who participated in the plan’s development. Victor proved to be a conservation minded community, very focused on growth management and preservation of community character. Many of the key initiatives called for in the plan address open space, rural character, natural resources and the need for effective traffic solutions. We are proud to have had the opportunity to work with Victor on this plan and believe that its implementation will make a real difference,” said Planning Consultant Mark Tayrien, AICP of LaBella Associates, D.P.C.

“One of the primary goals of the Comprehensive Plan is to preserve our ‘community character’ for future generations. That ‘character’ is largely defined by our geographic landscape and the glacial influences of our geological past. If this plan is going to be successful, then it will require a significant financial investment by our community and our elected officials. Adoption of new zoning and land use regulations is only part of the solution. In order to preserve our natural resources and the ‘green infrastructure’ that protects our community’s ‘ecological and environmental sustainability’, we will need to be proactive in acquiring development rights and providing incentives to the landowners who own those rights. Completion of our Natural Resource Inventory and the adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan are two major steps toward our goal, but they are just the beginning. It is how we fund and implement the Plan that will determine the success or failure of our investment in this decades long endeavor. I would love to say that the Comp Plan is a job ‘Well done!’, but I believe it is really a job ‘Well begun!’, said former Town Board liaison, current Planning Board member, and steering committee member, Jack Dianetti.

The Town Board and Director of Development Katie Evans are working on a proposed 2016 budget to start the implementation of the Phase 1 strategies. “It was very appropriately stated at Monday’s Town Board meeting that Victor is no longer a secret. According to the US Census Bureau the Town has grown 148% from 1980-2010. The desirability to be in Victor only increases the urgency to implement the strategies within the plan. I am looking forward to partnering with community stakeholders, neighboring towns, Ontario County, and many other agencies to accomplish the goals and objectives of our Comprehensive Plan” stated Evans. The Comprehensive Plan and associated documents are available online at www.victorny.org.