

**Town of Genoa
Special Meeting 2/11/08**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Meeting scheduled to Discuss Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Genoa

Attendees: Stuart Underwood, Lorie Fessenden, Ken Manzari, Dale Sellen and Amy DeAngelo; Planner for Cayuga County Planning Department

DeAngelo:

- **Plan needs to be adopted by 9/2010**
- **Funding will come from the state b/c a portion of the Town of Genoa falls in the Owasco Watershed**
- **Surveys: easiest way to contact public with a community survey. Usually there is a 25% response rate. Be sure to obtain as much info as possible in the survey.**
- **Suggests that we invite different groups to talk with the Town Board and/or with a Comprehensive Plan Committee about FARMING PRACTICES. They, the Town Board, and the Committee need to speak on behalf of the town as well as on behalf of farmers. Local laws need to be regarded to.**

People or agencies to invite:

- **American Farm Land Trust—Judy Wright**
- **Farm Bureau**
- **Cooperative Extension**
- **Soil and Water**

- **Primary Objective of this Plan is to:**
 1. **How do we encourage and protect agriculture**
 2. **How do we limit confrontation between farmers and community**

- **Once the plan is developed:**
 1. **advertise for a special meeting**
 2. **make sure it is 30 days from advertising date**
 3. **County needs to review plan for negative factors**
 4. **Town Board needs to approve it**

- **Town has an 8 page law from 1980 of Town Land Use but doesn't discuss the past or future regarding use of land.**

- **We should have vision meetings so to look at the sections of the plans (we will be reviewing Locke's and Ledyard's Comprehensive Plans for a template to some degree so to not spend so much time "re-inventing the wheel").**

- **We need to look at:**
 1. **small business in our town**
 2. **the Ag base**
 3. **lake properties**
 4. **residential properties**
 5. **rented acres compared to land used by current farmers**

- **If it appears that a certain area seems to becoming industrial, etc, town may want to look at land use tools. Ex: Perhaps have sight plan review**

Amy DiAngelo will be working for another county soon but she welcomes our calls if we need further direction. We may contact Steve Lynch, Director of Cayuga County Planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Brochure given out: Comprehensive Plan Training