

# Hague 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

## HAGUE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### MEETING SUMMARY: Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

1. **Field Trip:** Supervisor Patchett reported on the field trip taken in December by several members of the committee to determine the actual distance of the building plan presented as Option A at the December committee meeting. It was determined that it will extend out into the greenspace of the park too far and probably not be supported by the committee or residents. JMZ (Emily) went back to the drawing board and shifted the building location to be lengthwise along the northern property space like the existing orientation.
2. **Revised Welcome Center Presentation**

JMZ Architects and Planners presented the final draft concept site plan and building which locates the building along the north edge of the property/park. The building has a 10' setback from the north boundary line. The building was well received by the committee. Comments included bumping up the ceiling from 9' to 10' and giving the proposed metal roof over the porch more pitch to handle the snow. A rail (if required) should be a cable style to permit the best viewing. Next steps will be for JMZ to develop a cost estimate from the design presented. This will conclude the planning process for the new Welcome Center until further funds are found to pay for site plan and construction level drawings.
3. **Report on outcome of the grants from Governor's announcement in December**
  - The Town applied for a state grant to fund 50-75% of the cost of final design/construction drawings of the new Welcome Center. This was not awarded presumably because the Town does not have an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP).
  - The Town also applied for a grant to fund 75% of the cost to write a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program which would have qualified the Town for future grants. This was also not awarded possibly because they would like to see the comprehensive plan project completed first.
  - The Town is requesting a debriefing session with DOS on how to make the applications stronger for the next submission.
  - Supervisor Patchett reported his phone call with Chris Hundsinger of USDA regarding potential funding opportunities. No grant is available at this time – only “low” interest loans.
  - Tracey suggested contacting Assemblyman Matt Simpson about the potential of qualifying for CREST (Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology) funds. Ginger reported the following information about CREST: The 2023-24 enacted state budget includes funding to support capital projects. Funds may be used for various capital purposes including improvements to municipal facilities, and for other purposes such as economic development, educational, arts and cultural, parks and recreational, community development, as well as workforce training and employment development projects. Please note projects must have a minimum of a ten-year useful life to be funded, and the applicant must also demonstrate site control. Grant requests must be either \$125,000 or \$250,000. Grants are reimbursement based; entities must expend project costs and request subsequent reimbursement from the state. DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) administers capital grant programs on behalf of New York State that support community and economic development.
  - Supervisor Patchett will follow up with Assemblyman Simpson on this opportunity.
4. **Report on Survey Responses to Date**
  - Paper surveys were sent out to all landowners that receive a tax bill
  - To date 100+ Paper Copies and 69 E-Copies Submitted to the town
  - Survey deadline has been extended through February.

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## 5. Planning for the Public Meeting

- The public meeting has been delayed until June when seasonal residents are back in the community. Materials will be put on the website as they are developed so that residents can be informed.

## 6. Comprehensive Plan Discussion

The Comprehensive Plan development will continue through committee meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 10:30. Agenda items will be to review costs of the new Welcome Center and to review and update the issues and recommendations of the 2017 plan.