

# HAGUE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10.23.24 MEETING SUMMARY

In Attendance: Pat Hintze, Chris Richards, Bill Fritzky, Ginger Kuenzel, Josh Patchett, Desiree LaPointe, Tracey Clothier. Members of the public: Steve Ramant, Laura ?.

### 1. Community Survey Discussion

Tracey will refine with comments received. The goal is to make the survey available to residents in November.

### 2. Comprehensive Plan Schedule

- November 8: Final Committee comments on community survey draft 2
- November 13 @ 10:30: Committee Meeting to review JMZ Concepts
- November (late): Survey notice goes out to residents
- December: Maps to be completed by Warren County Planning
- January 9: Committee meeting to review survey results & plan public meeting
- January 15: Hold Public Informational Meeting on Comprehensive Plan & new Hague Welcome Center

### 3. Issues and Opportunities Workshop

The Committee considered the following questions for each of the topics below:

- Issues: What are the challenges?
- Needs: What is absolutely NEEDED? What is DESIRED by the community?
- Opportunities: What projects and initiatives would be TRANSFORMATIVE?

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Issues:

- Year-round sustainability of the population and services
- Lack of available land for housing projects
- Open Swim event was very successful attracted

Needs and Opportunities:

- Mom and Pop type businesses
- Use of vacant and underutilized properties
- Darrin property- work with David on a long-range plan that he can support.
- Brand the Hague as the “Green Town on Lake George”. Town is a regional leader in salt reduction, septic inspections and other initiatives.
- Stand-alone Museum of Local History

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Issues:

- Limited space for new improvements and buildings

Needs and Opportunities:

## **HAGUE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) designation will create a stream of grant funding for projects.
- Sewer district expansion
- Sidewalk extensions to the south on Route 9N
- Bike trail needed to Silver Bay
- Highway Garage replacement
- Transfer Station improvements

### **TRANSPORTATION, PARKING & SAFETY**

Issues:

- Boat Trailer parking
- Event parking
- Trailer Parking for island camping direct to Rogers Rock Campground or Mossy Point Launch

Needs and Opportunities:

- Parking Assessment Study

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES, HOUSING & COMMUNITY APPEARANCE**

Issues:

- Cell phone service is very spotty throughout the town
- Wi-Fi has good coverage and is available to the public at Park and Community Center

Needs:

- EMS and fire is dependent upon volunteers to keep taxes affordable; keeping up the level of volunteers is a challenge
- Housing that is affordable to all residents

Needs and Opportunities:

Consider the findings on housing through the work of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board

### **PLANNING, LAND USE & ZONING**

Issues:

- The impact of Short-Term Rentals

Needs and Opportunities:

- Develop methods to control the growth of Short-Term Rentals
- Encourage planning and ZBA members to get training; assess lakefront property variances and be mindful of impacts
- Consider standards that protect green spaces

### **PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION**

## **HAGUE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Issues: Hague Park needs improvements

Needs and Opportunities:

- Hague Park Master Plan should be implemented
- Pickleball courts are needed
- Basketball court at Community Center needs improvements
- Trails Master Plan (brochure)
- Trail challenge program

### **NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE**

Issues:

- Some stormwater infrastructure may be vulnerable to intense storms
- Boat Launch needs dredging
- Silting of Hague Brook delta

Needs and Opportunities:

- Conduct an assessment of the stormwater infrastructure capacity throughout the town. Identify flood prone areas and avoid development in those areas. Review recommendations in the Hague Brook Restoration Project and Hague Stormwater Report

### **HISTORY & CULTURE**

Issues:

- Current Hague Historical Museum space too small

Needs and Opportunities:

- Create a historic marker driving trail brochure

#### **4. Public Comments**

- New Welcome Center a good idea but needs to be “practical”
- Needs to be tangible community design
- Unique, memorable and visually interesting