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TOWN BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

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THE CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING IN RELATION TO THE  
PROPOSED UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS OF THE  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE  
TOWN LAW SECTION 272 A

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THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled  
matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter, on  
April 4, 2019 7:21 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall 534 Loudon  
Road, Newtonville, New York 12128

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA A. MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- PAUL ROSANO
- DAVID GREEN
- CHRISTOPHER CAREY
- MELISSA JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN
- JENNIFER WHALEN

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq. Town Attorney
- Julie Gansle, Town Clerk
- Amy McCain
- Joseph LaCivita, Director, Planning and Economic  
Development Department
- Jonathan Teale, Chief of Police
- Suzanne Perry Potts
- Pat O'Jay
- Helen Romano
- Tom Romano
- Mary Beth Buckner
- John Gillivan
- Suzanne Maloney
- Susan Quine-Laurilliard
- Gene Kokenburg
- Kelly Lyman
- Barbara Numrich
- Gloria Knorr

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Julie, can you read the hearing  
2 notice?

3 MS. GANSLE: Yes.

4 This public hearing is being continued by  
5 Resolution of the Town Board number 178 for 2019 dated  
6 March 21, 2019 to continue to hear all persons in  
7 relation to the proposed updates and amendments to the  
8 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Colonie. The Town  
9 Board will now hear all persons interested in this  
10 proposal.

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I will ask Joe LaCivita, the  
12 Planning and Economic Development Director - - he is  
13 going to give you a brief overview. A good portion of  
14 the Comprehensive Plan - the revisions were made two  
15 weeks ago and you have been able to see them. They have  
16 been on the website and you can take a look there - on  
17 the Town's website. So, what I was going to do this  
18 evening is just kind of point out the changes that are  
19 in the draft which now are compiled of the last two  
20 weeks and the last revisions are in here as well as the  
21 new set of revisions, and there will be one more  
22 portion that we are hoping that we will have by April 8  
23 - at that Board meeting, which will complete the final  
24 draft.

25 Did you get copies of these?

1 MS. MCKANE: We do, but as a point of correction I  
2 was just on the website and this is not posted, as near  
3 as I can find it.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: This is not on there -

5 MS. MCKANE: The version that is on there is the  
6 one from March 21.

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That is correct. We are not  
8 voting on this tonight because this is only the second  
9 portion. This is hot off the press, so this will go on  
10 the website and the Town Board will have at least  
11 another two weeks to take a look at this.

12 MS. MCCAIN: I was just responding to the  
13 statement that you made that there were updates and  
14 corrections showing up -

15 MR. MAGGUILLI: Ma'am, if you would please, for  
16 the record if you could just state your name.

17 MS. MCKANE: My name is Aimee McKane.

18 As the Supervisor knows, we have had a lot of  
19 comments. I had a lot of comments on the 21st of March.  
20 At that time, the plan had a lot of issues. This was  
21 brought up by Joe and also by Chuck Voss. There was some  
22 intent to correct. We have been waiting for that so that  
23 we could comment on that copy. There has been no updates  
24 that I am aware of on the website since the March 21st  
25 public hearing and as a result there has been nothing to

1 comment on.

2 We are handed this fairly substantial revision - I  
3 mean, it is good that it is substantially revised, but  
4 it has been handed to us tonight which I'm wondering how  
5 people are supposed to read it and comment on it when  
6 they just got it.

7 MR. LACIVITA: I think that's one of the reasons  
8 why we are keeping the public hearing open so you have  
9 the opportunity to review the changes that were made  
10 from the last meeting, look at the reformatting that we  
11 did in the commentary from what we heard from the  
12 committee and from what you heard of the public  
13 hearing. Then we will have comments on our April 18th  
14 meeting.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I understand what you are  
16 saying. If I wasn't clear, the presentation that was  
17 given two weeks ago - the connection of the goals from  
18 2005 to 2019 and you guys had asked for the progress.  
19 That is what I meant was online. That has been online  
20 for eight days. There were people at the meeting two  
21 weeks ago. I have only received one comment and that  
22 was from Gloria on that presentation. We haven't  
23 received anything new, as far as I know of.

24 That portion that you're talking about is in here.  
25 It is in here along with what you're going to see

1 tonight, which is the next set of revisions. It will  
2 basically point you to what those revisions are.

3 We are not voting on this tonight because we're  
4 doing this in probably three meetings. So, this will be  
5 the second. The Town Board will have at least another  
6 two weeks to just review the new portions of this. A  
7 good portion of this is what they saw two weeks ago and  
8 you saw two weeks ago. As we keep advancing, we are  
9 adding it -

10 MS. MCKANE: So, will this be posted tomorrow?

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I can tell you this: I'm going  
12 to be at The Crossings all day. I can't guarantee that  
13 someone will be available to post this tomorrow. Monday  
14 we can see if our staff can post it on the website.  
15 There will be at least a couple weeks. You will have it  
16 in your hands - you have it tonight so you can take  
17 that home, so you can have it for a couple of weeks.

18 The comments that we received from your group -  
19 that was of the entire draft, so we have all those  
20 comments and we have taken some of those into  
21 consideration as well as other public members as well as  
22 the staff and the administration. So, all of that is  
23 being put into the revisions where it can be.

24 Obviously everybody wants something different.  
25 Everybody does not have the same interests. Obviously,

1 we can't do an update of a plan and have everything that  
2 everybody wants in it. Some things are internal  
3 operations and they really don't need to go into the  
4 plan because you are working on them internally. There  
5 are a lot of different things that are going on with  
6 this plan. What you saw two weeks ago when you were here  
7 was pretty comprehensive. The one thing you may want to  
8 look at are the objectives and goals - the objectives  
9 lead to the achievement of the goals. They are quite  
10 extensive.

11 Then, what we are doing as well is one of the tasks  
12 of the Planning Department is going to be - - we really  
13 had to research a lot of information to be able to  
14 update this. So, it makes sense to have the  
15 categorization of everything - all of the goals that are  
16 in here and then keep a progress spreadsheet on that and  
17 then periodically we can update people. Then, when this  
18 needs to be updated again, that current updated  
19 information will be more readily available. That's one  
20 thing that you will see in here somewhere.

21 MS. WHALEN: Madam Supervisor -

22 MR. MAGGUILLI: And if I could -

23 MS. WHALEN: Excuse me, I am speaking.

24 MR. MAGGUILLI: I am sorry.

25 MS. WHALEN: I think this is an important document

1 and the weekend is coming up. People that work might  
2 want to digest it over the weekend. So, I really think  
3 that we should make our best effort to have someone in  
4 our IT department download this on to the website - or  
5 upload it tomorrow so that the general public can take  
6 the weekend to look at it because really if you work  
7 during the week, you might only want to really get into  
8 the nitty-gritty of this on the weekend and there are  
9 only two weekends between now and the next meeting. So,  
10 I don't really understand why we can't have this  
11 uploaded by our IT department tomorrow. I don't  
12 understand that.

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Well, we can try to arrange  
14 that. Our IT Director will be at The Crossings with the  
15 students, as well. We will try our best, how's that? We  
16 will see if that's possible. As I said, the department  
17 heads are going to be at The Crossings for the special  
18 event for the kids.

19 If we can start with Mr. LaCivita?

20 MR. MAGGUILLI: As a procedural matter, to make  
21 this run a little smoother, if people when they want to  
22 speak - if they could please come up and use the  
23 microphone because we are taping this for television  
24 and quite often it's very difficult to hear someone -  
25 what they are saying when they are sitting down. So,

1 when it comes time for you to make your public comment,  
2 if you would please come up to the microphone and  
3 identify yourself for our stenographer.

4 This is a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.  
5 If there is any other matter that you would like to  
6 discuss other than the Comprehensive Plan update, we are  
7 going to have a public comment after this public hearing  
8 and we ask that you wait to make those remarks at that  
9 time. Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: So there's no confusion, we  
11 will announce when the public hearing is closed so that  
12 you know the difference. We have public comment every  
13 meeting so people get confused with that. This is a  
14 public hearing and after Joe is done this will be on  
15 the Comprehensive Plan. For any new comments -- the  
16 comments that you have already done before -- we have  
17 those. We have them on record and we have some of them  
18 in writing, as well.

19 We will begin now, Joe.

20 MR. LACIVITA: Thank you for the introduction.

21 I think one of the significant things you're going  
22 to see with the document that we have out there before  
23 you this evening and in front of the Board -- one of the  
24 most significant changes is the reformatting of the  
25 document. We took it from a landscape document format



1 and put it into a more consistent format that goes with  
2 the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. The reason we did that is  
3 kind of so that you could follow from one plan to the  
4 other and find the same level of content in the next  
5 document year after year.

6 I'm just going to go page by page to walk you  
7 through, if there's any question.

8 The introduction was revised as well. We made some  
9 small grammatical changes there and we added a little  
10 bit of content. We won't have to go through it because  
11 you can read it and make commentary at a later date.

12 One of the significant changes as well is we  
13 removed the community profile and we will be replacing  
14 them into the appendices. Those are being drafted and  
15 reformatted as well by Barton and Loguidice and that  
16 will be our third and final set of revisions before we  
17 take that to the closing of the public hearing.

18 One of the other things that was changed in this  
19 document, as you see before you, is we looked at the  
20 studies that were performed by the Town of Colonie and  
21 we removed the Route 32 Corridor Study. That was really  
22 in partnership with the City of Watervliet. That's not a  
23 Town of Colonie sponsored document, so we removed that  
24 document although it does live within the Planning  
25 Department's office. We look at that from time to time

1 as projects come in that area.

2 We added supplemental information on the content.  
3 As I said, the community profile - Barton and Loguidice  
4 is updating.

5 One of the other significant changes is we amended  
6 the 2005 and 2019 table and you will see it on pages 22  
7 through 24. It reflects the goals and we tried to make  
8 that a unified comparison between what was said in 2005  
9 and what we are saying in 2019. I think the  
10 documentation flows much better. We get to see what was  
11 before us and what was going to be in front of us in the  
12 future. I think it's much friendlier for the user.

13 Additionally, you're going to see the 2019 goals  
14 and we categorize them the same way that we did in 2005  
15 using the same milestone periods. Again, trying to be  
16 consistent so there's no confusion as to where we were  
17 and where we are going.

18 We replaced priorities with time frames. In the  
19 2019 time frames, they begin on page 25 and they go  
20 through page 29. Those are the goals and objectives as  
21 to how to get there.

22 One of the things you will also see here is we have  
23 a couple of new bullets. Of course, continuous  
24 improvement is something that our department tries to  
25 look for. So, we're going to look for better

1 communication between the Planning Department, the  
2 Planning Board and the public.

3 Also in addition we will be updating the Route 2  
4 Corridor Study to reflect changes in that area, which  
5 there has been significant development over time. We  
6 want to make sure what that study guided us to do - that  
7 it was either performed or needs to be changed.

8 Then, finally, the update to the 2019 Comprehensive  
9 Plan - as changes grow, as Paula mentioned, we, in the  
10 Planning Department will be checking the milestones and  
11 reporting quarterly just to see where we are. That's  
12 really a short and concise kind of change as to what you  
13 see before you tonight.

14 If the Members of the Board have any questions, I  
15 can certainly answer them during the comment period.

16 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: As I said, this is hot off the  
17 press and we will be looking at this for the next  
18 couple of weeks. A good majority of it was presented  
19 two weeks ago and it has been integrated into this  
20 packet, as well. So, when you go to this packet in your  
21 spare time you will see what was presented two weeks  
22 ago is in there and any new revisions in there as well  
23 for the plan.

24 There is only one more piece of that particular  
25 packet that you will see hopefully in a couple of weeks.

1 That is the updated implementation table. Then, as Joe  
2 said, the community profile which is important  
3 information - and it needs to be updated so again it is  
4 current as possible and the consultant is working on  
5 that as we speak. That will be in the appendix and if  
6 anyone is interested in that type of material, that will  
7 be there along with some other things. So, what you have  
8 in front of you is basically - other than the appendix -  
9 a complete packet minus the implementation table. You  
10 have everything in front of you there. Of course, when  
11 the final product is done and improved, it will be in a  
12 formal presentation. We wanted to be able to present  
13 this package to you so that you can certainly have time  
14 to look at it and if you have any questions, that's what  
15 we are here for.

16 Does the public has any comment?

17 MS. WHALEN: I have a question, quickly.

18 Joe, you also added in some of the comments that we  
19 even heard as recently as the last meeting where there  
20 was a public hearing, is that correct?

21 MR. LACIVITA: We took into consideration several  
22 letters that we received. I think it was Shaker  
23 Heritage, we had the cemetery and there were four or  
24 five others that we received.

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I think she is referring to the

1 public comments.

2 MR. LACIVITA: Oh yes, those as well. The Save  
3 group had a number of comments in their pages as well  
4 as the people who spoke. We put it into a chart and you  
5 can see how we answer those and where they were put  
6 into the process and how we will track them in the  
7 future.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Anybody else from the Board?

9 (There was no response.)

10 Anybody from the audience?

11 MS. PERRY POTTS: Good evening. My name is Suzanne  
12 Perry Potts. My husband and I own two properties in the  
13 west end of Town on Kings Road and Cordell and Morris.

14 I would have to wholeheartedly agree that the Town  
15 of Colonie is a terrific place to live, work and play;  
16 that it is.

17 I have a few comments and they namely concern the  
18 industrial zone area in the western end of Town on  
19 Cordell, Kings, Morris and Curry Road.

20 I did have one comment about the community  
21 meetings. The sign-in sheets for three of those six  
22 meetings are missing and it would've been nice to know  
23 who and how many had attended. At all six meetings it  
24 was terrific that people had commented that they liked  
25 treed green space and were concerned about clearcutting.

1 Only one meeting, which was a South Colonie one, did  
2 someone comment that they liked the Pine Bush Preserve.

3 In the Comp Plan there is map entitled existing  
4 open space and opportunities. On it in a very large area  
5 on the western end of Town - the area is labeled the  
6 Pine Bush vision. In my opinion, the Pine Bush vision is  
7 a polar opposite of what the majority of people have  
8 stated that they like in Town.

9 The Pine Bush Commission negatively affects taxes,  
10 education, employment and trees. Our taxes are higher  
11 because of the Pine Bush who maintains and creates more  
12 Pine Bush and reduces our tax base. That tax money could  
13 be better spent investing and educating our children so  
14 they can be productive adults and not be dependent on  
15 government assistance.

16 In maintaining and creating the Pine Bush, they  
17 have clear-cut many acres of walkable shaded woods and  
18 planted scrub brush that you cannot walk through. I am  
19 all for keeping the public Pine Bush lands that there  
20 are. I object to their using tax money to maintain and  
21 create more. It seems like the land is purchased from  
22 donations from the Nature Conservancy, but the Nature  
23 Conservancy resells that land to the taxpayers of New  
24 York State at a higher price to make sure they recoup  
25 all of their expenses.

1 I also saw a comment in there stating that the  
2 traffic was increasing on Kings Road. I have been there  
3 for over 30 years and I disagree. Right now you can set  
4 up a camera on my front steps and you can record the  
5 traffic on Kings Road and thanks to the Pine Bush for  
6 clear-cutting many acres of shaded trees, you can also  
7 count the traffic on Curry Road now from my steps.

8 There's also a map called existing land use map and  
9 in my opinion there was one in the last Comp Plan - in  
10 my opinion they still have not correctly identified the  
11 uses in that area as an industrial use. Instead, they  
12 are identifying them as commercial or residential. In  
13 the plan vision and goals it states they would like to  
14 maintain an established commercial industrial areas  
15 where infrastructure exists. Most of that west end has  
16 the necessary infrastructure.

17 So, in conclusion, I hope that the adoption of this  
18 updated Comp Plan does not result in a repeating of  
19 history so we don't have another rezoning battle with  
20 the west end of Town. Thank you.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you Suzanne. The maps are  
22 being - that's part of the profile that is being  
23 updated as we speak and they will be hopefully in the  
24 next meeting. We will announce that.

25 MS. PERRY POTTS: Okay, thank you.

1 MS. O'JAY: My name is Pat O'Jay. I'm just now  
2 getting interested in what the Town is doing and trying  
3 to educate myself further on the Town.

4 My one concern about this survey done by Siena  
5 where there was only 2,000 people - registered voters  
6 that had gotten the survey. I don't feel that it's  
7 really representative of the whole Town. How do you find  
8 out where the information is where we can look at that  
9 survey and see how it was done?

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I understand your question. The  
11 Siena survey was an independent study. We wanted it to  
12 be independent of the Town for various reasons. What  
13 they did was they did a sample of the Town - throughout  
14 the whole Town randomly. Typically, that's how those  
15 surveys are done. The response was 30%. You would think  
16 that was low, but in actuality typically according to  
17 Dr. Levy from Siena College, they typically get 5% or  
18 10% so they are thrilled with 30%. Because it is  
19 randomly sampled throughout the Town, they come up with  
20 a number that they need to have the results that they  
21 feel would be a valid representation of the Town. So,  
22 the results that came from it were very good. 30% is  
23 considered very good.

24 MS. O'JAY: That's 30% of 2,000.

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: It sounds like 30% is very low,



1 but when Dr. Levy - that's his main profession. They do  
2 surveys all over and getting 30% back is a very high  
3 percentage. Typically, as I said, they get 5% or 10%  
4 and when you look at the Town and you look at 83,000  
5 people, that's why they're sampling randomly to get all  
6 different age groups and parts of the Town. When you  
7 put that altogether you kind have to have that when  
8 you're going through and doing a survey at some point  
9 in time and how the results are calculated and all of  
10 that.

11 MS. O'JAY: Is there any way to get that  
12 information?

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes. You can get that  
14 information, Joe?

15 MR. LACIVITA: It's actually on our Planning  
16 website, [coloniepedd.org](http://coloniepedd.org).

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Can you give her that website?

18 MR. LACIVITA: Yes; Colonie P-E-D-D.org. You can  
19 call my office to and I can direct you to it.

20 MS. O'JAY: My other concern is - and just  
21 glancing at the next page about designing local roads  
22 to slow speeds -

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Can you just tell me what page  
24 you're on?

25 MS. O'JAY: Page 8. It's really a pet peeve of

1 mine and plus a very big concern of mine because Fox,  
2 Shepherd and Homestead are used as cut through's to get  
3 through Ferris and Consaul Road and the speeding is  
4 tremendous on these roads. I have seen a car hit a  
5 rabbit because he was going so fast and he didn't  
6 bother to slow down. There are plenty of people walking  
7 their dogs constantly on these roads and kids are  
8 around and the speeding just keeps on going up. What  
9 you have planned - - it says designing local roads to  
10 slow speeds. What does that mean?

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That is what is from the survey  
12 - - the top three supported initiatives included in the  
13 Comprehensive Plan, according to the survey. When you  
14 talk about slowing speeds - - there are different goals  
15 in here that talk about transportation throughout the  
16 Town. You can only do that in certain circumstances. In  
17 the Town, I believe - Chief, correct me if I am wrong,  
18 but the speed limit is 30 miles an hour and in the  
19 Village they can have 25 miles per hour, right?

20 MR. TEALE: Correct.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We have had some occasions  
22 where we have reduced after a thorough study of the  
23 areas from 40 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour which  
24 still stays within the parameters. One of those areas -  
25 it was the adjoining municipality where it was 30 and

1 then there was a long stretch of 40 and then when it  
2 got down to the intersection that they connected to, it  
3 went back to 30. So, it made sense because people  
4 speeded up in that area.

5 MS. O'JAY: As long as I have known, the speed  
6 limit has been 30, but it has been outrageous.

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Where you are, it is 30. You  
8 asked what we could do about that. It is enforcement to  
9 the best of the Police Department's ability. We have  
10 different things that they do. They do radar and they  
11 post the speeds to give people an idea of how fast they  
12 are going.

13 MS. O'JAY: But I've never seen one on our road.  
14 Maybe Fox because the traffic is heavier there but my  
15 street and the street after that - - I have lived there  
16 all my life and I have never seen the traffic as heavy  
17 as it has become.

18 MS. WHALEN: We are getting into a specific  
19 situation. It is a good idea - - where is Jack  
20 Cunningham - - like, if you make a complaint, or put it  
21 in writing - you are actually on the record now.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: To the Police Department -

23 MS. WHALEN: Yes, they will look into it, too.

24 MS. O'JAY: I'm just wondering what's going to be  
25 done about it.

1 MS. WHALEN: Like, speed bumps. We don't use speed  
2 bumps.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: You're asking about ways to  
4 reduce the speed limit. That's what they were looking  
5 at, but we talk about in the goals and that's what I  
6 was referring to. That's what they were looking up when  
7 we talk about the goals. That's when I was referring  
8 to. We have to work within certain parameters and the  
9 minimum speed limit is 30. You will see suggested signs  
10 that say 25 on curves and things like that, but the  
11 actual speed limit is 30. That is the lowest we can go.  
12 Typically just to answer your question, along with  
13 these goals we do get calls and we transfer those to  
14 the Police Department. They have a Traffic Safety  
15 Division and they do those different parts of the Town  
16 where we get complaints. Most of the time there is a  
17 cut-through, but a lot of times we find it's your  
18 neighbors that are speeding as well.

19 MS. O'JAY: It's not my neighbors. We've gotten  
20 complaints with the neighbors and everything.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: If you email Colonie.org you  
22 can give us just your name in the street you live on  
23 and just kind of describe what you are seeing there.  
24 Then, we will communicate that with our Police  
25 Department.

1 MS. O'JAY: I know that it is not unique - my  
2 street.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: It's not. People cut through  
4 all over.

5 MS. O'JAY: Somebody's going to get hurt.

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Unfortunately, we can't stop  
7 them.

8 MS. O'JAY: So, the answer is: we can't do  
9 anything.

10 MS. WHALEN: No, it is good that you are calling  
11 it to our attention because the Police Department will  
12 look into it.

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We enforce the best we can.

14 MS. WHALEN: It would be nice to put in speed  
15 bumps, but there are reasons why in certain areas we  
16 can't. I am not an authority on speed bumps.

17 MS. O'JAY: I haven't even seen speed zones -  
18 limit signs, or whatever.

19 MS. WHALEN: We will try to do something.

20 MS. O'JAY: Thank you.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: And you might want to look  
22 through the goals, particularly in the transportation  
23 area. That may be helpful to you. Thank you.

24 MS. ROMANO: Hello my name is Helen Romano and I  
25 live at 979 Kings Road. My question is in regards to

1 PDD development.

2 I think that the Comp Plan should have a designated  
3 area where there is accepted to be developed. This way  
4 when a developer comes before the Planning Board and  
5 before the Town, they know where they can go and where  
6 they can't. I suggest that you use 2, 7, 9 - they have  
7 public transportation and there's lots of shopping for  
8 seniors - if you're going to have a lot of seniors and  
9 that.

10 That's basically all I wanted to say.

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Helen, there are some goals in  
12 here that talk about that. What you're talking about  
13 actually leads to the next part of this after the  
14 Comprehensive Plan - the land-use, this refers to some  
15 of those things.

16 MS. ROMANO: I know it's going to have to go  
17 before the land use.

18 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes, Tom.

19 MR. ROMANO: Good evening. My name is Tom Romano  
20 and I live at 979 Kings Road. Forgive me if this is a  
21 little redundant, but I just got the information  
22 tonight that you people provided. So, I'm just going to  
23 read you some of the questions that I had. It may  
24 already be in this report. I haven't had a chance to  
25 look at it.

1 First thing: I have lived on Kings Road in the Pine  
2 Bush for 46 years. What I would like the new Comp Plan  
3 to include is a map of all the areas within the Town of  
4 Colonie that are zoned as conservation overlay  
5 districts. Also, to include a description of where those  
6 areas are located in the Comp Plan narrative.

7 Number two: regarding conservation overlay  
8 districts - these districts support and encourage the  
9 zoning that's not always in keeping with the character  
10 of the neighborhood. After all of the constrained lands  
11 including the additional 40% green space that is  
12 required - what remains is unconstrained buildable land  
13 and should be required to maintain the surrounding  
14 neighborhood minimum lot sizes.

15 My neighborhood was rezoned and changed 600 acres  
16 from single-family residential to commercial in direct  
17 conflict with the 2005 Comp Plan. The Comp Plan  
18 recommended that single-family residential be required  
19 there and maybe 20 business owners the request of the  
20 rezoning versus over 200 residents that wanted to keep  
21 the zoning at single-family residential. Tweaking may be  
22 required once in a while, but rezoning 600 acres against  
23 the Comp Plan recommendation was more than tweaking.  
24 Hopefully this should be avoided with the new updated  
25 Comp Plan.

1           Finally, I am hoping that the updated Comp Plan  
2 will reference somewhere in the plan to indicate what is  
3 stated in the current Comp Plan and what the changes  
4 will be under the new Comp Plan. I hope that was kind of  
5 clear. It may have been a little redundant. Some of the  
6 information may be in here. I wanted on record.

7           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Some of that is in there. You  
8 will see the 2005 goals and you'll see the progress  
9 that was made and then you will see the new goal. I  
10 know what you are talking about in that area and that  
11 goes back to the 1988 LUMAC Study, actually. Again,  
12 that goes along with the options; you're right. It goes  
13 along with the options.

14           Sometimes a conservation subdivision works well and  
15 sometimes large lots fit better in certain areas. That's  
16 part of the Planning Board's job to take a look at that.  
17 A lot of people probably don't remember that - the LUMAC  
18 Study and what was recommended back then. They are good  
19 things to take into consideration.

20           MR. ROMANO: Thank you.

21           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you.

22           MS. BUCKNER: Hello, I am Mary Beth Buckner. I  
23 live in Latham on Coventry Court right down the street  
24 from the new Maxwell Village.

25           I was very happy to hear Joe mention that they are



1 going to periodically be checking on milestones - I  
2 think you said quarterly?

3 MR. LACIVITA: We have not defined that as of yet,  
4 but we will be reporting back to the Board.

5 MS. BUCKNER: Who is going to be responsible for  
6 the periodic checking to assure that the agreed-upon  
7 milestones are being met and will the public be  
8 notified how the Town is doing, as far as meeting the  
9 expected milestones? I guess I just don't want to see a  
10 beautifully written plan - when it gets to the point of  
11 being beautifully written - put in a drawer and then  
12 never referred to again. I would like to see it change  
13 things.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you, Marybeth.

15 MR. GILIVAN: Good evening my name is John Gilivan  
16 and I'm actually a resident of the Village of Colonie,  
17 32 Tattersall Lane. I remember when Paula came out and  
18 shook my hand the first time she ran for Supervisor for  
19 the Town.

20 I am a bike and pedestrian advocate. I am a  
21 retiree. I am a volunteer. I put all my efforts and time  
22 to try to make our streets safer.

23 Your situation is happening all over. It's just not  
24 the Town of Colonie, it's everywhere. You can see that  
25 more when you're walking or riding a bike.

1           Basically, I want to commend the Board and Joe on  
2 the comments that have been incorporated in today's  
3 version. I went online just yesterday and I saw the same  
4 version - maybe not.

5           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: No, that was the one from the  
6 21st.

7           MR. GILIVAN: What I read online, I liked. A lot  
8 of stuff had been incorporated and I think comments  
9 have been heard since I actually started getting  
10 involved back in the summer of 2018. So, I commend  
11 everyone for making an effort to try to go through all  
12 the comments in notes.

13           One thing I will comment on is rev control, rev  
14 control, the drawings or whatever you put out - you have  
15 the data on this one which is good. Prior to today, I  
16 didn't know what version I was looking at. It was a  
17 draft. You can call it the draft forever. Put rev on it  
18 and a date so that someone who is looking at it will  
19 know that this has been updated since March or since  
20 December or since 2005. So, rev control I think is just  
21 one lesson learned. I got very confused. I didn't know  
22 what I was looking at - what version.

23           The last thing is: There will be a letter coming  
24 directly to Paula. I am also core member of the Albany  
25 Bike Coalition. We would like for the Town of Colonie to

1 strongly consider establishing a bike and pedestrian  
2 advisory committee. That's for everyone. That's for  
3 mobility and care. That's for people who have to take  
4 the bus and people who have to get to work somehow don't  
5 have transportation. I really feel like that would be a  
6 really big plus because that would also get feedback  
7 from the residents from different neighborhoods who are  
8 having issues.

9 I got an email just this week and some guys asked  
10 me if bikes could ride on sidewalks in the Town of  
11 Colonie. The answer is no. Unless you are a child 12  
12 years or younger, you should not be riding a bike on the  
13 sidewalk. So, there is a lot of confusion, but I think  
14 having an advisory committee for bike and pedestrians  
15 across the Town as things develop and roads are paved --  
16 I think we can offer a lot.

17 Also, the Albany Bike Coalition has been working  
18 with the City of Albany. They have a Complete Streets  
19 candidate that has actually been assigned. They are part  
20 of the engineering department. I think that was one of  
21 the things that was mentioned at prior meetings - that  
22 we have somebody knowledgeable about Complete Streets. I  
23 think also an advisory committee a would bring the level  
24 of residents into more of not necessarily the plan, but  
25 at least they would know what was going on and could

1 directly come to the Board and to the people that need  
2 to hear it.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you.

4 MS. MCKANE: First of all I'd like to say that I  
5 just skimmed it. There is a lot of new stuff in here  
6 that are responsible comments. So, I just wanted to  
7 acknowledge that because I know I was pretty critical  
8 of the first document when it out.

9 Having said that, there a couple of things that I  
10 wanted to reference. The Executive Summary - the way it  
11 is written is not an actionable Executive Summary.  
12 Typically an Executive Summary includes your findings  
13 and maybe it would be, moving forward, a brief summary  
14 of your immediate actions that you going to take, like  
15 the one to two-year actions you're going to take or  
16 something of that nature. There should be something in  
17 here that essentially summarizes what those key findings  
18 are.

19 There is some basic information about the process,  
20 but there's not really anything actionable. That's one  
21 thing that I would like to see. I thought I would  
22 mention it now.

23 The second thing that I wanted to ask about was --  
24 it had to do with process. I know I was really vocal  
25 about the process at the beginning of this meeting.

1           What I heard from you, Paula, I think, was that the  
2           implementation table for this document would be  
3           available in approximately two weeks along with some  
4           additional review items. I guess my question is: Why are  
5           we having another public hearing in two weeks which  
6           would once again give all of the rest of us who aren't  
7           party to the inside of this process any time at all to  
8           review the complete document? Could there be a  
9           postponement - - I understand that you're trying very  
10          hard to get this modified and there is a lot of work  
11          involved. Is there any reason why that couldn't be  
12          postponed to allow the public to weeks to look at the  
13          final document before the final public hearing?

14           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We can take a look at that,  
15          Aimee, but when the Board feels comfortable with the  
16          information and they are actually ready to vote, that's  
17          when we will take a final vote. When we say we will  
18          have a final version, that's the last portion that  
19          we're trying to present in a consistent manner and  
20          people are coming to the meetings for this, which is  
21          good because we usually don't have anybody at the  
22          meetings - not many people, maybe three or four. So, we  
23          are trying to do that. It is something that we can  
24          consider to not have a public hearing on the 18th and  
25          give it two more weeks, but the Board at some point - -

1 we have to vote on the final. You know that. And  
2 collaborating with the consultants - we have done a ton  
3 of revisions. Many of them that I felt and many others  
4 felt were necessary.

5 Again, finding and gathering information sometimes  
6 is not that easy to do sometimes for people who are  
7 working on a committee or whatever - which the Advisory  
8 Committee did a very good job. It's just a lot of  
9 information. It is a big Town. It's something that we  
10 can look at. We are hoping to have that implementation  
11 table and the profile. Actually, the profile is really  
12 more something that will really contain more new  
13 information. The implementation table is actually the  
14 goals, but it's basically a reiteration of the goals and  
15 the durations and all of that. It is just presenting it  
16 in another manner in the table and some people like to  
17 read the whole thing. Some people like to just zero in  
18 on tables and charts because that's easier and better  
19 for them.

20 The profile is probably going to be more of the  
21 materials that we talked about - - trying to get it  
22 close as up-to-date as we can. So, it is something we  
23 can take a look at and we can see what time frame that  
24 we can get that back. We have time. We have been working  
25 from the 2005 plan all the way through. So, this is not

1 something we are trying to rush. It is something that we  
2 are trying to get right and have a document that is  
3 user-friendly and will provide the information and an  
4 update for the future, so the next update will be a  
5 little easier for people to put together. We will  
6 certainly look at that.

7 MS. MCCAINE: I would appreciate that. This is a  
8 technical question.

9 On page 26, Joe, it says: "continue to evaluate  
10 renewable energy, to encourage energy efficiency and  
11 conservation, reduce costs..." Unfortunately, that is my  
12 field, so the hair on the back of my neck went up.  
13 Renewable energy is one thing. Energy efficiency and  
14 conservation is another. This sentence needs to be  
15 rewritten. It can be: Continue to evaluate renewable  
16 energy and encourage energy efficiency and conservation  
17 to reduce costs. That would work. So, I know it's  
18 nerdnic -

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Anything that can make it clear  
20 - some of us up here are nerds, as well. We understand.

21 There are a lot of great things that are going on  
22 in the last few years. We have been able to move forward  
23 on a lot of new energy projects that do promote  
24 efficiency and reduce costs. So, we are trying to do  
25 that and get that out there because I think we put it

1 out in many other formats and some people just don't  
2 catch it. We spelled it out in here as to where we are  
3 at this point. Some of these things are in the works and  
4 moving very quickly.

5 We are in the LED changeover process. We're in the  
6 hydroelectric process. We are just about there. Then,  
7 another big project that John Frazier, our  
8 Superintendent of the Water Department is working on is  
9 the new backup water system connection. That is in  
10 there, as well. So, that means that is being replaced  
11 with the old system from Stony Creek and it is a  
12 partnership with the City of Albany.

13 Did I miss anything, Joe?

14 MR. LACIVITA: No.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: There is a little tweaking  
16 there and we got it.

17 MS. MALONEY: Again, this is a little bit of the  
18 process that they were talking about.

19 At this point, it is in draft form and because  
20 you're asking for public input, it is a communication  
21 tool. It is a communication. It makes it difficult for  
22 us to communicate back to you - we, the public - if you  
23 don't get it out to us in a timely fashion. It seems a  
24 bit insincere when you say you want public input, but  
25 you're not allowing enough time for someone to review



1 what you have done so much work on. Please don't get me  
2 wrong. I am thrilled. I really am. In order to have  
3 people engage in the process and have input and be  
4 informed, you have to allow them enough time. Perhaps on  
5 your website you might explain your process just like  
6 they did when they did the original Comprehensive  
7 Planning meetings. They said: This is how it's going to  
8 go. If you said: This is how were going to do it and  
9 then you said that there was this much time for them to  
10 look at it, you didn't hand out a hard-copy and you gave  
11 them enough time to download it and interact with it  
12 themselves, you would have better feedback and a lot  
13 less angst in the meetings.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I appreciate your feedback. I  
15 have participated in all those meetings when they did  
16 that. They did a good job with it. The consultant did a  
17 good job with that and the Committee. They had one  
18 public hearing and they voted on it. So, there was an  
19 no additional comments after that. That's one of the  
20 reasons -

21 MS. MCCAINE: I appreciate that and I think  
22 everybody else appreciates the time that you are  
23 allowing for further input.

24 SUPERINTENDENT MAHAN: And we are trying to  
25 present it in a very manageable way so that people who

1 haven't been involved in the process can kind of  
2 walk-through with us.

3 MS. MCCAINE: And prioritize getting the  
4 communication back out to the people.

5 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: As I said, that just got off  
6 the press so you're getting it before everyone else. I  
7 don't know about the rest of the Board, but I've got  
8 all the time in the world. If you want to couple extra  
9 weeks, it wouldn't bother me.

10 MS. WHALEN: I am worried about the process to. I  
11 am happy to see all these people here week after week.  
12 I know you're all busy, but it is nice to have  
13 additional feedback. Once it is finalized, like, even  
14 though you say a lot of these things that are already  
15 in another form are being reiterated and therefore we  
16 should all be familiar with it, I would rather - -  
17 like, I'm reading it as I go along and as things are  
18 being inserted - - I certainly think that once it is  
19 finalized - the final version is expected to come when?  
20 In two weeks? That would be the final version - that we  
21 have at least another two weeks or a month that we  
22 adjourn the hearing and then allow everyone to come  
23 back once again and give their final insight. Then, we  
24 vote on it. Like, I certainly am not going to be ready  
25 to vote on this in two weeks - just when the final

1 inserts and amendments have been done. I'm going to  
2 want to digest it. Even though I'm reading it all along  
3 and I have attended the meetings, I want to look at it  
4 holistically and just because we are familiar with  
5 sentences that have been inserted and taken out and  
6 reinserted, doesn't mean we would be ready to vote on  
7 it just because we have seen it before and for so long.  
8 I think the final document - we should have two weeks  
9 or a month where the hearing is still open and we  
10 convene and have another final public hearing session  
11 and then be ready to vote on it.

12 MS. MCCAIN: The sheer amount of changes that  
13 have occurred in this document in itself - you should  
14 at least allow more time for review.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We talked about this upstairs  
16 and what we talked about was in the Agenda Session that  
17 this was just hot off the press because there was a lot  
18 that had to go into this.

19 What I had asked the Board was to go through this  
20 over the next two weeks and that hopefully the  
21 consultant will have the implementation table and the  
22 profile - what I'm really waiting for -

23 MS. MCCAIN: So, perhaps when this gets posted -  
24 that the public has this much time to review and then  
25 at the next meeting -- you need to communicate if

1 you're asking for public input. You need to communicate  
2 to them when they have time to review it so that they  
3 are giving you feedback - real-time feedback.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: One thing I just want to be  
5 clear on is that we are waiting for the final piece to  
6 come, but as we talked about upstairs, it doesn't  
7 necessarily mean were going to vote that evening.

8 MS. MCCAINE: No, my concern is that there is a  
9 lot of information that has been changed. A lot of  
10 input has been added to this. There are a lot of  
11 changes and this going to take time for even those of  
12 us who have been following this before 2005 to take a  
13 look at it and understand how it relates to and what  
14 the changes are occurring in the document. So, if  
15 you're not allowing anyone enough time you're going to  
16 have people coming up saying, wait a minute I'm looking  
17 right now and it's not getting real feedback on what  
18 you have made changes to.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I understand what you're saying  
20 and I hear you. We don't have a date for a final vote.

21 MR. GREEN: So, in two weeks we can come back and  
22 comment.

23 MS. MCCAINE: But comment on the what is up there.  
24 It's not going to be changed -

25 MR. GREEN: We're going to keep having the

1           postponement so anything that you have, you can digest  
2           and come back and even go back to the one 2 weeks ago.  
3           There is tons of time. So, there is no limit. We want  
4           the comments. We love the comments. In two weeks from  
5           right now you can come back and comment on that and  
6           anything else.

7           MS. MCCAINE: So, in terms of the Board wanting to  
8           vote at some point, I understand completely. The normal  
9           process for that kind of thing is you say: Here's the  
10          document. You have this much time to review this and  
11          comment at this point. You can comment by writing to  
12          us, or you can comment by standing in front of a  
13          microphone.

14          MR. GREEN: We haven't reached that point yet. We  
15          are still bringing the pieces together.

16          MS. MCCAINE: Well, there is confusion as to how  
17          the process is going in terms of what is being put up  
18          and when it's being put up and it is creating a lot  
19          more angst than you need to have caused.

20          MR. GREEN: Well, we can clear the air right now.  
21          Once we get the final piece together, then we will set  
22          the final date when we anticipate maybe perhaps voting,  
23          but we are not there yet.

24          MS. MCCAINE: I'm not even talking about the vote.  
25          I am talking about - you're asking for public input and

1 handing them a new document.

2 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: She wants a time frame for  
3 public comment so they know when -

4 MR. GREEN: But there is no time-frame. It is  
5 ongoing.

6 MS. WHALEN: I can give a concrete example. Like,  
7 for instance the history piece of the document that was  
8 referred for public hearing from the Committee after it  
9 had - the night of the snowstorm. Like, the last  
10 meeting. They referred a document to us and now it has  
11 been in flux and it has been changing. So, if some of  
12 these folks came in to talk about like the history  
13 component, let's say, by the Town Historian, it has  
14 been removed. So, if you are preparing a piece or  
15 speech or a public comment on something that has been  
16 removed, it is an exercise in frustration. Like, these  
17 folks are involved and engaged people, but they've got  
18 things to do and not look at something that's going to  
19 be changed on them. It's like, if you study for a test  
20 and you go in and the teacher says oh, well were going  
21 to give you a test on something totally different -

22 MS. MCCAINE: It's the communication between -  
23 you're asking for public input and not doing it in a  
24 conducive way.

25 MS. WHALEN: It's like we're asking them to

1 comment on something and then were changing it and  
2 giving them something else. A lot of people are really  
3 great public speakers, but it's hard to get up and make  
4 public speeches and then make it on - change your  
5 entire speech or thought process because you have just  
6 been delivered something an hour ago that totally  
7 changes the game. That's why it's tough for them.

8 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: I just want to say, too,  
9 that I think a lot of the things that are coming back  
10 every two weeks are based off the comments from the two  
11 weeks prior at the same time. I know what you're  
12 saying, Jennifer, but I don't think people are being  
13 handed a completely different document. We are  
14 observing a lot of the information that is coming in  
15 from all these different - the bike coalition, from  
16 Shaker Heritage, from Save - we are acknowledging all  
17 of this and trying to put it into the record and make  
18 the revisions as we are going along and then giving  
19 time to comment on it at a later date. It's not being  
20 rushed in any manner. We're not trying to change  
21 anything without anyone knowing. We are trying to bring  
22 it back to the table and give people time to comment.

23 MR. LACIVITA: Essentially, you were handed a  
24 document a few weeks back that came from the CPAC  
25 Committee and that was a compilation of all the

1 meetings. That was the first time you got to see it.

2 MS. WHALEN: I think this public hearing was  
3 prematurely noticed, if the document that was referred  
4 by the Committee is still in flux. Like, if it wasn't  
5 final, really. Let's face it, it's not really  
6 finalized.

7 MR. LACIVITA: At some point in time, the  
8 Comprehensive Plan Committee had to deliver you a  
9 document. This Board here is the owners of that  
10 document. You have to make it yours. That's what you're  
11 doing at this point. You took the document that was  
12 provided months and months and years of work, several  
13 meetings and several community input meetings. Now it's  
14 time for the Town Board to look at this and adopted it  
15 as theirs. That is your work. That's exactly what  
16 you're doing now. You are taking it apart. You are  
17 digesting it. You are making it yours. That's why there  
18 are certain sections that are coming to you the way the  
19 Town Board wants to do it. They want to really dive  
20 into it to create the document, to listen to the  
21 comments that are coming to them and provide that  
22 comment and documentation back to you. That's why it's  
23 coming to you in segments.

24 If I can finish for one second.

25 Then you get a complete document and then at that



1 point in time when you have a complete document, this  
2 public hearing will still be open. There is not a  
3 defined date yet given by the Town Board where were  
4 going to adopt this, but there will be time and more  
5 than enough time to clearly digest a completed document  
6 that this Board created.

7 MS. MCCAINE: I think that you and I are talking  
8 about two separate processes. One is your job and their  
9 job. The other is conducting a meeting - public meeting  
10 in a fashion that involves the public you're asking to  
11 give you input. There is a method. There is a specific  
12 outlay of how that meeting should be conducted for it  
13 to be conducive and productive. What I am saying is the  
14 part that is missing - - this is - you want a comment  
15 on. You don't hand it out the night of the meeting or  
16 during the meeting and say we want your input, but  
17 there's going to be another one in two weeks. You say:  
18 We are working on parts and you time and date those  
19 parts that are entered, as they're entered so the  
20 Historian gets you the historical part at another time  
21 and you date that so that the public getting it goes  
22 oh, that's new information. I will look at that this  
23 coming week. There is a way. This is a communication  
24 tool and there is a way to communicate.

25 If you don't want angst from the public, then do it

1 in the way that meetings are conducted. That is all I'm  
2 saying. I am not saying anything else about when you  
3 vote or when the document is actually final. I am saying  
4 the way that the meeting is being conducted - the  
5 information is being given back and forth, that a  
6 communication is broken. It's not working. That's all.

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We understand completely what  
8 you are saying. I think most of us understand what you  
9 are saying. There are different ways to do things and  
10 sometimes you do it in portions and sometimes you do it  
11 all together. You guys had lots of comments and we  
12 thought maybe you would want to see the draft.

13 If I were to give the next update committee, 5 or  
14 10 years from now, a recommendation, I would say to them  
15 no matter how many times people ask you, don't put a  
16 draft up until its final. Because you had a lot of  
17 comments, people had a lot of comments, we thought we  
18 were being helpful by putting it up there. The fact is  
19 that if it is better for you - because it doesn't matter  
20 - - personally, it doesn't matter to me. I just want a  
21 good product that in the end is going to direct the Town  
22 for the future - that someone will be able to pick up  
23 and take off from there and 5 or 10 years from now be  
24 able to update it again.

25 The bottom line is that you guys are all here. If

1 it is better for you that we don't put anything up until  
2 it's the absolute final -

3 MS. MCCAINE: It's whatever - it's when you go -  
4 we are going to stop here and we are going to put this  
5 up for public communication. Then, we are going to add  
6 whatever they say. You are going to get a lot less  
7 communication if you articulate where you're stopping  
8 and when new things are coming in and you're dating  
9 when those new things are coming in.

10 MS. WHALEN: For instance, we could adjourn the  
11 public hearing on this - let's say for six weeks from  
12 now until the Town Board, Joe, takes ownership of this,  
13 okay. Clearly, there is a lot to do, still on this --  
14 even typos and maps that are unlabeled.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That is the profile, Jennifer.  
16 That's what we are working on now.

17 MS. WHALEN: We could do that and then present the  
18 final product for public hearing and then have - over  
19 the course of a couple of meetings which seems logical,  
20 right? Personally, I actually like this back and forth  
21 because I felt that - I think there is more diversity  
22 here with people coming in with comments then with a  
23 lot of those meetings that the Committee - - even  
24 though it is inconvenient and maybe a lot for you all  
25 to have to keep coming in and have things changed, I do

1 think it's better. Like, I think the process will  
2 benefit.

3 MS. MCCAINE: There's a lot of angst that happens  
4 when you're not communicating.

5 MS. WHALEN: But when it is finalized - finally  
6 finalized, I don't know - I will vote on it until I  
7 feel like there's at least been two public hearings  
8 after the final product has been submitted for people  
9 to look at it and then we vote on it. That's what I  
10 would like to see. I don't know if I will prevail or if  
11 I have agreement from my fellow colleagues right now. I  
12 don't know. Paula said we could adjourn it for a month  
13 and have a public hearing once it's finalized. I don't  
14 know if that's a great idea.

15 MS. MCCAINE: The document itself, at that point -  
16 posting it is saying without any comment - this is what  
17 we're going to be talking about tonight. So, if you're  
18 not at least commenting and putting comments on your  
19 website saying we will be handing out a hard copy  
20 tonight with brand new things, but we will be posting  
21 it on such and such a date, you end up with a lot of  
22 comment time that you don't need to spend in a meeting  
23 like this. If you're not communicating your process as  
24 well as this, you're ending up with a lot more angst  
25 and I think a sense of insecurity and what is being

1 said because there is a level - there is a  
2 disjointedness. What you have been looking at for two  
3 weeks before this meeting isn't going to be what we're  
4 going to be talking about tonight. And you will  
5 probably have a new one up before the next meeting.  
6 It's like, why even bother commenting? Why should I  
7 waste my time coming to this meeting? That is the sense  
8 and the feeling that you're getting and I don't think  
9 that's what you want.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I guess there is just different  
11 perspectives. First of all, I don't have any angst.  
12 Second of all, I don't feel insecure.

13 The thing is - just so you know - the thing is that  
14 people that were here two weeks ago - that is  
15 incorporated into this. So, if anybody had comments on  
16 what they heard a couple weeks ago, they could've  
17 brought that forward today.

18 MS. MCCAINE: They didn't have time to look at it.

19 MS. MURPHY: We just got it today, also.

20 MS. MCCAINE: That is what I'm saying.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: You are getting confused. Two  
22 weeks ago, what was presented was a good bulk of this.  
23 That is on the website. People could've commented, but  
24 they haven't. Or, people that were at that meeting, if  
25 they had other comments, could have commented.

1 MS. WHALEN: Why don't we just adjourn the public  
2 hearing for a month and then get the finalized version  
3 from us in two weeks and then the public will have two  
4 weeks to look at it -

5 MS. MCCAINE: And clarify what it is. Don't just  
6 post it.

7 MS. WHALEN: - and then have the public hearing.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: For this one here when they put  
9 it up, I have asked them to say this is the most  
10 updated draft. I asked them to do that. They haven't  
11 posted it yet. I understand what you are saying because  
12 otherwise it would get confusing. Being familiar with  
13 it, it's kind of easier when -

14 MS. MCCAINE: It is because it is your day-to-day  
15 job. It isn't everybody else's day-to-day job.

16 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I understand that. That's why  
17 we thought by having more than one public hearing and  
18 laying it out, then it would be more beneficial to  
19 people.

20 MS. MCCLAIN: I think it's just the process that  
21 is broken. That's all I had to say.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Okay, Suzanne. Thank you.

23 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: Hi, Susan Quine  
24 Laurilliard. I came tonight and I really didn't want to  
25 speak, but I guess I would just like clarification for

1 this record.

2 The document that is on the website right now that  
3 says February 2019 on it that was presented to the  
4 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee in February during  
5 the snowstorm - that document no longer exists?

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: You're talking about this  
7 (Indicating).

8 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: Right, that doesn't exist  
9 anymore. This replaced that. Is that correct?

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: These are the revisions, yes.  
11 The revisions from here are in here and when this is  
12 finalized, it will have revisions in it. It will have  
13 incorporated some of the comments that people made. We  
14 have incorporated them. If we feel it works in here,  
15 then they are in there. As you referred to some of the  
16 changes - - you're right. This will end up replacing -

17 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: So, the document that is  
18 on the website - we should not look at anymore, is that  
19 correct? What's in there is not going to be - - this is  
20 the Comprehensive Plan draft that everyone should be  
21 looking at right now dated April 4, 2019.

22 MS. WHALEN: This is obsolete now, right, Joe?

23 MR. LACIVITA: That's correct.

24 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: That's obsolete, so that's  
25 gone.

1 MS. WHALEN: Which I was just looking at all  
2 weekend, so don't feel so bad.

3 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: I have a question. If we  
4 had a Committee that voted on a document that is now  
5 considered to be obsolete, I have to ask you - there  
6 are a lot of people on that Committee. There was a  
7 person from Senior Services, a Building Department  
8 person was there were two Planning Board Members there,  
9 Mr. Magguilli and another Town Attorney. Why aren't  
10 those people given this document again as a Committee  
11 and asked to look at this because they apparently voted  
12 on the thing that is now obsolete. I don't understand  
13 why this document isn't going back to them for them to  
14 look at because they all weren't present in February  
15 when this now obsolete document was voted on. So,  
16 that's my other question.

17 MR. MAGGUILLI: I don't think there's actually  
18 anything obsolete in any of the document.

19 MS. WHALEN: Well, I said it was obsolete. It's  
20 not obsolete, but it has been revised.

21 MR. MAGGUILLI: It's all part of the goal.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The CPAC Committee - they had  
23 their hearing and turned it over to us.

24 MS. WHALEN: Maybe we should send it back.

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We are following the procedure



1 we were given.

2 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: It sounds like you are  
3 revising the goals that they all voted on. I just have  
4 a problem with the process here.

5 Mr. LaCivita, will you now be attending all of  
6 these public hearings going forward at the Town Board,  
7 or is this your only night that you're going to be here?

8 MR. LACIVITA: It all depends on my schedule.

9 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: I have a question. On page  
10 13 - and this goes to open space and I hope you can  
11 address this question.

12 MR. LACIVITA: Are we taking questions, Michael?

13 MR. MAGGUILLI: You can.

14 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: I think it a public  
15 hearing I'm allowed to ask questions. Your here as the  
16 Director -

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We can go back and forth  
18 politely, it is okay. It's all right

19 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: So, I have a question. We  
20 always referred to open space as Town owned open space.  
21 I know one of our comments was about the methodology  
22 that you are utilizing to compile open space statistics  
23 for our Town. Will you have - why did you only pick  
24 Town owned open space as your statistics here on page  
25 13? And why are we looking at all of the open space in

1 the Town of Colonie and what changes have occurred  
2 since 2005? I believe the 2005 Comprehensive Plan  
3 addressed all open space throughout the Town and did  
4 not make a distinction between Town owned open space.  
5 I, for one, as a Town resident, would like to know what  
6 has occurred in our Town since the last Comprehensive  
7 Plan in 2005. That's what I would like to know. I'd  
8 like to know what was the state of the open space? How  
9 much public and private existed in 2005? And how much  
10 public and private open space exists today? That's my  
11 comment and that was part of her comment about the  
12 methodology.

13 So, if you could address why only Town owned open  
14 space is discussed in this draft, I would like to know  
15 that. Thank you.

16 MR. LACIVITA: I will respond to that. These are  
17 primarily just examples of what we have. If you look at  
18 our open space mapping which was pulled out of this  
19 document, we are actually putting into the appendices -  
20 all that detail is there. That is what Chuck Voss is  
21 working on. When we did the open space mapping from the  
22 onset - and we worked with several departments that  
23 were involved in this from a mapping perspective, we  
24 looked at easements. We looked at anything that was  
25 dedicated to the Town. We took criticisms based at the

1 CPAC meetings that easements are not open space, when  
2 it is. It is undevelopable land. We look at all those  
3 different things. We are calculating the method as to  
4 what to come back and put onto that plan. That's what  
5 we are going through right now. It's not going to be  
6 something that's going to happen overnight. There is a  
7 lot of detail that is in it and once we are able to  
8 calculate all the specific acreages, then we will have  
9 a plan that we will work through.

10 MR. GREEN: To Susan's point, we don't include  
11 privately owned lands because?

12 MR. LACIVITA: We don't own them. They are not  
13 open space.

14 MR. GREEN: Correct. That's what I wanted to hear  
15 you say.

16 MR. LACIVITA: Okay, I'm sorry. To get to that  
17 point, we don't own those lands, so we can include  
18 them. I don't believe it was even back in 2005, in that  
19 way. There was no detail to show that privately owned  
20 land.

21 MR. ROSANO: David, I'm not so sure that private  
22 landowners want their information in the document on a  
23 website. If I'm a private landowner, it's my private  
24 land and if it's open space, it is open space. I don't  
25 think I would want that posted.

1           MR. GREEN: I just wanted to make sure we answered  
2 the question. That's all.

3           MR. LACIVITA: One of the ways that we get lands,  
4 to Mr. Romano's point when he spoke earlier -

5           MR. MAGGUILLI: Quite frankly, we have no control  
6 over privately owned open space. I'm not quite sure I  
7 understood the question.

8           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I think I know what Susan is  
9 talking about because we went over all of the open  
10 space last year or two years ago. We went over all of  
11 that. What's in here is the amount of open space to  
12 date that the Town owns, which is I think is 1,155  
13 acres, approximately. I think what they described as  
14 not Town owned was the private golf courses, cemeteries  
15 and things like that. So, they were described as open  
16 space in - it must've been the 2005 plan or the LUMAC  
17 study. They made a distinction between what was Town  
18 owned and then they described what the Town did not  
19 own. They didn't go into everything that was open  
20 space. It was mainly the golf courses and the  
21 cemeteries. Can you think of anything else, Susan, that  
22 we looked at; private golf courses, cemeteries?

23           MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: I have a couple more  
24 things. I know the work from the LUMAC study that was  
25 done in 1988 and they did look at recreational - - they

1 divided up the open space public, as far as  
2 recreational being golf courses, schools and things  
3 like that. What I am referring to - and I think  
4 actually that your Assessor assesses property as real  
5 estate vacant. That is public information. So, that's  
6 not a privacy issue. I can go online and Google an  
7 address and I can see what it is assessed for. Your  
8 Assessor talks about real estate vacant - all different  
9 New York State tax assessment classifications for land  
10 and you can actually on the GIS that the Town has and  
11 maintains - you can search. So, that is something that  
12 you can do. It is not a privacy issue. If someone owns  
13 30 acres in it is assessed real estate vacant or  
14 farmland, that's available information. So, I would ask  
15 that the Town not just look at what is Town owned open  
16 space but reflect all of the open space in the Town.  
17 Someone should know that there is 38 acres here and  
18 there is 20 acres here and when you look at development  
19 patterns - which you have an hear things about wildlife  
20 corridor's - - that is important information because  
21 how are you going to assess the value of wildlife  
22 corridors if you don't even know where your not  
23 publicly owned open space is located? It doesn't make  
24 sense to have this here and just say Town owned and all  
25 of that.

1           Maybe your utility easement works because I know  
2           there are wildlife corridors that run along these  
3           utility easements in the Town that I am aware of, but  
4           that's really good information for Planning. That's kind  
5           of what this document is for - is to how you plan. You  
6           know that if the 20 acres over here in this part of the  
7           Town is now going to be a subdivision or something else,  
8           you're going to want to know that's it. There can be no  
9           parks there. There can be nothing there.

10           I really take issue with the fact that this is just  
11           reflecting Town owned recreational open space.

12           That's all I want to say for tonight. I am  
13           concerned because of the way this whole process is  
14           unfolding that if I don't voice this publicly - it is in  
15           our written comments. I don't even know if our written  
16           comments are being assessed. Again, that goes to the  
17           fact that the written comments submitted here - I don't  
18           even know - - you mentioned five tonight. Who are these  
19           written commenters? I would like to know what the Shaker  
20           Heritage Society said. I would like to know what the  
21           Pine Bush Commission said. I know I have the bike  
22           coalition's comments, but that's just because I have  
23           them. That should all be up on the website. I don't know  
24           why those aren't posted.

25           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They will be in the updated

1 profile. That's what the consultant is working on now.

2 MS. QUINE-LAURILLIARD: We don't know that. So,  
3 that's why I'm coming here with this angst that I don't  
4 know - - this should all be here. I am glad I could get  
5 this out and hear about your methodology because that  
6 was one of our questions in our letter and I hope that  
7 all of the questions and comments received will have a  
8 response from someone. I don't know. The Town Board, I  
9 guess, is going to have to go point by point and say  
10 yes, we agree with this comment and no we don't. I  
11 would expect that in a document of this type that I  
12 know the comments are being considered. That is my  
13 point. That is the process and it needs to be followed.  
14 Thanks.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: You're welcome.

16 MS. WEBER: My name is Susan Weber. I live off of  
17 Albany Shaker Road.

18 I just wanted to speak to second Susan  
19 Laruilliard's point about the open space. If this is a  
20 Planning document, it is impossible to plan for  
21 something that you do not know exists. So, what we need  
22 in here is definitely a description of the open space  
23 lands in private hands.

24 On my Albany Shaker Road corridor, there are three  
25 big open space areas that we know about right now. They

1 are privately owned and anybody could find out who owns  
2 them, how big they are and the taxes on them. So, it is  
3 - unfortunately, Mr. Rosano, you're wrong about the  
4 privacy issue. We need to be able to plan for the  
5 remaining open space we have. That's all.

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We do have all that on our GIS  
7 map in the Planning Department and our Engineering  
8 Department. DPW uses that all the time.

9 MS. WEBER: I know and it needs to be in this  
10 document.

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Well, we have looked at several  
12 different samples of other areas in all the different  
13 municipalities all over and this is an update. It's not  
14 a brand-new -

15 MS. WEBER: It doesn't matter. It needs to have  
16 the open space that is owned by Constantine's, that's  
17 own by Mrs. Ellsworth, Foegtli Farms - it needs to have  
18 that in there. We've had opposition from the very  
19 beginning to this idea from Mr. Rosano and Mr.  
20 LaCivita. I would just like to say that's not  
21 appropriate.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Gloria?

23 MS. KNORR: Is there anyone else that wants to go  
24 before me?

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Is there anyone else who wants



1 to speak?

2 MR. KOKENBURG: I'm Gene Kokenburg and I live at  
3 326 Sand Creek Road in Colonie. To the point - I'd like  
4 to move to housing that is easier to maintain and I  
5 follow the advertising all the time for housing. Maybe  
6 this is in the document. I don't see it. There is no  
7 place for affordable housing for people who can't  
8 afford to move into senior apartments. You hear  
9 planning and stuff over by the water plant. My wife  
10 doesn't drive and I drive. There are a lot of people  
11 that would be in that kind of situation and I don't  
12 want to live in the middle of nowhere. I want to live  
13 by everything. I don't know if there's anything in  
14 planning for that type of situation.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you, sir.

16 Helen?

17 MS. ROMANO: My name is Helen Romano and I guess  
18 I'm going to give you a complement.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you, Helen.

20 MS. ROMANO: I want to commend the Town for the  
21 dedicating to the Pine Bush 157 acres. I think that  
22 speaks very highly of you and I'm very appreciative of  
23 it.

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you. Is there anyone  
25 else?

1 MS. PERRY-POTTS: For the record, Suzanne Perry  
2 Potts speaking again. I just want to make some comments  
3 about what the Romano said and I think maybe some of  
4 these people don't realize the first of all that area  
5 over there on the western end of Town was the very  
6 first, I believe, industrial zoned area in the Town of  
7 Colonie back in the 19 - mid-50s.

8 The Romano's, from what I understand, moved in that  
9 area in the mid-70s and I believe the property they  
10 lived at or they were close to was industrial zoned  
11 also.

12 In 2007 after the 2005 Comp Plan was adopted - in  
13 2007 the Town did an entire rezoning of the entire Town  
14 of Colonie and they took away over 1,000 acres of  
15 industrial and Business E and turned it into  
16 residential, I think commercial/office. So, we just  
17 fought back to get back our property rights. Just like  
18 if a resident - if they were in an area and some kind of  
19 crazy zoning went on where they took their property  
20 rights away and said you know, if your house burns down,  
21 you can't rebuild - they would be upset too. So,  
22 needless to say these business owners were upset. They  
23 were never notified.

24 So, I just want to make these people realize that  
25 it's not like we said hey, here's a residential area,

1 let's make it industrial. It was industrial and that was  
2 the first zoning that was industrial in the Town of  
3 Colonie.

4 The place where I have a house and the business was  
5 a pig farmer back - I don't know - the 20's or 30's or  
6 40's. When we first bought it, his mother had a pig farm  
7 there. Railroad Avenue - that is an industrial zoned  
8 area. There are railroad tracks there. It's a good spot  
9 to do it. Over there on the western end of Town it was  
10 all farms. It was a good place to put a blacktop plant,  
11 a trucking company - - you want that next to your house?  
12 There weren't houses there at the time when those places  
13 were built. Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you, Suzanne. Just for  
15 the record, there are people who haven't been around  
16 here when that was done. That was done in 2007. It was  
17 an overhaul of the Land Use Law - the whole map of the  
18 Town was looked at and things were rezoned in a lot of  
19 different places. That was done in 2007. That was  
20 before this administration. That's why we will be  
21 looking at the Land Use Laws after the Comprehensive  
22 Plan is done. The next step is to look at the Land Use  
23 Law. I just want people to understand that was done  
24 prior to this administration.

25 MS. LYMAN: My name is Kelly Lyman and I live off

1 of Albany Shaker Road. I do have to say that I'm one of  
2 the lucky ones that lives off of Maria, so I do have a  
3 red light. I don't know how anybody can travel on  
4 Albany Shaker and the roundabout. My question is -- the  
5 nice weather is coming and The Crossings is going to be  
6 packed. I see and hear that it says there is a process  
7 of \$125,000 to install a new playground and a parking  
8 lot. Is this parking lot going to be open to the back  
9 end as well, or is Albany Shaker still going to have  
10 the brunt of all the traffic?

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The parking lot you are  
12 referring to would be on the south end. There will be a  
13 new playground on that end as well because the  
14 playground in the front is so crowded. We are trying to  
15 disperse the people around so everybody has a chance to  
16 play.

17 As far as opening up the back entrance - when they  
18 built The Crossings, they only built it, as you know,  
19 with one way in and out. We would love to have another  
20 entrance and exit on the south end. If that could ever  
21 happen, which it would help a lot, it has to be figured  
22 out - - we have gone through this with Traffic Safety  
23 and our Police Department and our engineers to see how  
24 it could be designed so that people don't use it as a  
25 cut-through from that end of the park - people coming

1 from that and - to have a quick route to Albany Shaker  
2 Road. So, we have to be very cautious of that because we  
3 would not want a cut-through going through the park like  
4 that. So, it is something that we have toyed with and  
5 looked at for long time. It is a difficult situation to  
6 figure out because of the fact that could really be a  
7 real dangerous situation.

8 MS. LYMAN: A roadway going in off of Maxwell  
9 circle - that's going to go to Aviation Road.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That road has been proposed  
11 probably since I think around the 80's. It is actually  
12 a Phase II of the Maxwell Road roundabout that the  
13 county did.

14 What I was told when I came on was that that Phase  
15 II was a connection to Sand Creek which about half of it  
16 is connected now. The Town works with DOT, the  
17 Department of Transportation and the Capital District  
18 Transportation Committee and a lot of these things have  
19 been recommended years ago to disperse the traffic  
20 because that's the only way that you have to relieve  
21 some of the congestion.

22 That Connector Road - I see what you're saying.  
23 First of all, we don't know when that will happen. It  
24 has been on the books forever. I know there's a project  
25 over there that is just in the very preliminary stages.

1 That road may happen now or that road may not happen for  
2 years, just as it has been waiting for years. That's a  
3 totally different situation than having a cut-through  
4 that goes through a park. That's a dangerous situation.

5 Again, our Traffic Safety in the Police Department  
6 looked at that very, very carefully. If there was a way  
7 to design it so that it will eliminate a cut-through and  
8 would eliminate people cutting through neighborhoods  
9 there to get across or whatever -- I'm not an engineer  
10 and I don't know how to do that.

11 MS. LYMAN: I get it. I mean, I live off of Maria.  
12 That's a cut-through, as well.

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Maria is a cut-through.

14 MS. LYMAN: It's just so frustrating. For me to  
15 take a left, traffic is all the way backed up to  
16 Osborne.

17 MS. WHALEN: My question is: While we can't make a  
18 cut-through, why don't we locate the playground or  
19 different attractions at the different entrances so --  
20 if we put that playground over between the Ciccotti  
21 Center in that one parking lot that's kind of -- you go  
22 by Talbot's Outlet --

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That's where it is proposed.

24 MS. WHALEN: That's good. At least people will  
25 come down there and park there. They are making the

1 parking lot bigger.

2 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They can park there, but they  
3 can't drive through.

4 MS. WHALEN: But at least the attraction will be  
5 there. When you said south, I thought maybe it was at  
6 the end by the bathrooms which would mean it is just a  
7 one-way street feeding that.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: No, they call that the south  
9 end. If you went over on that side and somebody wanted  
10 to go on the playground there, they could park on that  
11 side. They just can't drive through.

12 MS. LYMAN: So, the proposal for the apartments -  
13 that is in the early stages right now?

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The latest update from the  
15 Planning Board is they just had a sketch plan, which is  
16 just basically showing their idea.

17 MS. LYMAN: I have been to all the Shaker Corridor  
18 Traffic Studies and we talk about how busy Shaker Road  
19 is and now were going to put 158-unit apartment  
20 building for that small roundabout. People are trying  
21 to cut each other off just to get to Albany Shaker Road  
22 because you have that merge.

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Like I said, the Planning Board  
24 just saw a sketch plan as far as what they are  
25 proposing. That's exactly what it is. It is a proposal.

1 So, I don't know, off the top of my head, if they were  
2 looking to go on Albany Shaker - - or what would the  
3 other road be?

4 MR. LACIVITA: Aviation - the Connector Road.

5 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I don't know that.

6 MR. CAREY: That is on the agenda Tuesday night  
7 for the Planning Board.

8 MS. LYMAN: There was talk at the Albany Shaker  
9 Corridor Study that the merge - something was going to  
10 be done at that roundabout.

11 MR. ROSANO: You would need the Aviation Road to  
12 go forward to get the fourth leg of the roundabout. If  
13 you don't have Aviation Road completed - - that  
14 roundabout does not function. You know better than  
15 anybody that doesn't function. You need all four legs  
16 to be open. Then, you can literally open it up and use  
17 it properly. We only have three legs open and it never  
18 works. We live over there. Without Aviation Road -  
19 without that project being completed -- that's the  
20 tie-in to make that a four leg -

21 MS. LYMAN: Why was that one lane even there? You  
22 have the left, but people come over to cut you off when  
23 you want to go straight.

24 FROM THE FLOOR: The recommendation from Creighton  
25 Manning was that - - it will be looked at. I actually



1 wrote around that on my bicycle with another  
2 individual. The eastbound traffic on the Maxwell circle  
3 - instead of two lanes, you will have one. that is  
4 going to help it. That's going to help the congestion.

5 MS. LYMAN: But that's not going to happen if  
6 Aviation opens up.

7 FROM THE FLOOR: It's still going to be one lane  
8 going in. You can check with Creighton Manning. That  
9 was the recommendation because you can't have two  
10 people fighting to get in that circle - one going  
11 eastbound Albany Shaker and one going to Maxwell. That  
12 circle is -

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: It is tough, yes.

14 MS. LYMAN: Especially from Margaret.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I don't know if you noticed,  
16 but that the county road.

17 MS. LYMAN: I know, we are getting the light at  
18 Shaker Road -

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We are getting the light at  
20 Shaker El. The County Executive is working with us on  
21 that.

22 MS. NUMRICH: My name is Barbara Numrich and I  
23 live on Old Loudon Road.

24 I just have a question.

25 I was so happy when they did the Comprehensive Plan

1 and it has taken a long time. There was a delay in  
2 between when we lost the Chairperson -

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Mike Welty - yes, the  
4 Consultant.

5 MS. NUMRICH: And this will go to land use when it  
6 is finished?

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The next step is you typically  
8 do your land use - reviewing your land use for any  
9 amendments. You do that after the Comprehensive Plan is  
10 done, so it follows.

11 MS. NUMRICH: Does that usually take another two  
12 years?

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I know it took them two years.  
14 I think it was at least two years when they did it.  
15 They did the Comp Plan in '05 and the land use and  
16 zoning was done in 2007. So, that took them two years.  
17 Again, you are updating it so that means you hope - we  
18 hope that we are not reinventing the wheel - that  
19 you're not going to change the zones all over the place  
20 again. You are going to look at the areas where there  
21 have been comments, concerns over the years since 2007  
22 that could make it better. So, that's what they would  
23 be looking for. Again, there's going to have to be  
24 consultants and engineers to help with that. I hope it  
25 doesn't take that long.

1 MS. NUMRICH: It was very encouraging when this  
2 whole process started. I go to many, many Planning  
3 Board meetings and where you are mixing commercial and  
4 residential - it is very frustrating. It is extremely  
5 frustrating to be sitting at the Planning Board  
6 meetings and to always hear that's the way it is zoned.  
7 They have the right to do this. That's the way it's  
8 going to be. So, going back two years and now looking  
9 at another two years, it just seems like we are not  
10 getting anywhere.

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Well, I think that's a matter  
12 of opinion. The fact is with the land use amendments -  
13 we have made some - through the years that we have been  
14 here that were so specific and they almost looked like  
15 mistakes so you focus on those. People go as fast as  
16 they can. With the Comp Plan -

17 MS. NUMRICH: No, I don't want to rush through  
18 this either.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Consultant halfway through  
20 - for a while he wasn't feeling well and then he got  
21 another job out of this area. So, we had to make that  
22 switchover. That makes it difficult for you guys and  
23 for us. That part gets frustrating, but you can't  
24 predict what's going to happen to people.

25 The fact is when they did the Plan - that was a

1 least a couple of years and they did have - - the  
2 meetings that they had were set up in different parts of  
3 the Town. We tried to mirror that, but this is an update  
4 and that was then. The thing is when they got it done,  
5 they just took a vote. They had a public hearing and  
6 took a vote and that was the end of it. Some of the  
7 things that were in the 2005 plan worked fine. Some that  
8 were in there - in my opinion the situation they were  
9 in, they should've known that they couldn't have done  
10 those things. So, you will see in this one as well - you  
11 were here a couple of weeks ago?

12 MS. NUMRICH: Yes, I was here a couple of weeks  
13 ago.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: So, you saw some of the things  
15 - it wasn't established or this or that. We have been  
16 working on these things so you will see a continuance  
17 of most of the goals that are working well because  
18 again you don't want to reinvent the wheel and throw  
19 something out that's working. There are some new things  
20 and some things have taken a step further that you add  
21 on. It's a work in progress. It is a living document.  
22 Tomorrow something could change. You've got so many  
23 different facets to the entire Town. A plan happens and  
24 if a plan goes through, that changes something. We have  
25 all that on our GIS mapping. We have all of that so if

1 people have a question, they call.

2 As far as if it is owned, they can have it: it's  
3 not that simple. There are certainly so many  
4 requirements they have to follow.

5 I know it's hard for you guys to believe, but the  
6 planning process now is very structured. It is very  
7 strict. It is comprehensive for a reason so the end  
8 product comes out good.

9 As far as the zoning you're talking about with the  
10 mixed-use, the commercial and the office/residential  
11 abutting to the residences or whatever, that's what they  
12 did when they changed it in '07. I think they look at  
13 trends across the country and they follow a lot of those  
14 trends. For some places, it works. And some places it  
15 doesn't work. Every place is not the same. That's what  
16 we're trying to do in this plan - what works, let's keep  
17 it; what doesn't work, let's get rid of it and do we  
18 need to do and add to it. If something needs to be  
19 continued, we'll continue. The same thing with land use.  
20 You go through it; what's good, let's keep it; what we  
21 need to amend - - I agree with the fact that when they  
22 did the zoning where you have residential abutting  
23 commercial, office or office/residential or whatever, it  
24 makes the situation more difficult because if you live  
25 there, that has an impact on you. So, I think that is

1 certainly an area that we want to look at. Then, you get  
2 the PDDs in some areas. They don't bother to think  
3 because they fit in. They are not abutting against  
4 neighborhoods and things like that in other areas. Yet  
5 they have more of an impact so you have to look at that.  
6 There are ways to do it.

7 With buffering, you have to do a Local Law. There  
8 are ways to do that. There are different ways to do  
9 things and hopefully this plan will help to guide that.

10 Again, what works in some places doesn't work in  
11 others. We are unique because we have all of these  
12 commercial corridors which have always been in the Town  
13 which are major highways. They are New York State  
14 highways; Route 7, Route 2, Route 9, Route 5. Then, we  
15 have Albany Shaker Road. We've got these places where  
16 they have been commercial forever, but the Town as it  
17 grew out abutted those areas and so now people don't  
18 want buildings that are falling apart so your goal is to  
19 redevelop them so they look nice and they operate and  
20 they are efficient and they are doing what they were  
21 supposed to be doing. So, when you say it's zoned and  
22 they can do that, they have to follow the requirements.

23 What you can't do is take all their land away from  
24 them. You can't do that. You know that. You can't do  
25 that. Hopefully the land use process - that's a

1 difficult one, but hopefully that will go as fast as we  
2 can. We will get it done right. I think it just my  
3 opinion, the smartest way to do it is take a look at the  
4 areas that we hear the most comments on that are  
5 impacting the neighborhoods the most. I think you start  
6 with those harder ones and then move on from there.

7 MS. NUMRICH: One other thing I wanted to bring up  
8 in one other gentleman brought it up, as well. This was  
9 still based on the handout that we had two weeks ago.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Which is incorporated in the  
11 handout that you have today. That's so you don't get  
12 confused.

13 MS. NUMRICH: The goal: 2019 Comprehensive Plan  
14 goal to accommodate the provision of a range of housing  
15 in an appropriate location to meet the diverse needs of  
16 Colonie residents.

17 I just want to state that most of the senior  
18 housing that is going up - I know I can afford it as  
19 well. I think that they do need to look at that. The  
20 senior housing that they were just discussing that was  
21 going to go in where Hoffman's Playland used to be is  
22 another one that is extremely high. We have so many  
23 middle income residential areas in Colonie and I don't  
24 think any of them are senior housing right now - maybe  
25 except for the Elks or even the one at Our Lady of Hope.

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Ashfield.

2 MS. NUMRICH: We don't have enough middle income.  
3 These are too high for a lot of the senior citizens in  
4 the Town of Colonie. I think that needs to be looked  
5 at.

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That is in here.

7 MS. NUMRICH: The Beltrone and then Ashfield?

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: New affordable ones are  
9 Ashfield and King Thiel. You have subsidize which you  
10 have to qualify for.

11 MS. NUMRICH: A lot of us are not in that area.

12 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The largest group is the  
13 average group. \*Then, we have a lot of expensive ones.  
14 It's that larger group that you're talking about - if  
15 we could have a wish list -

16 MS. NUMRICH: The Summit one by Forts Ferry - many  
17 of those Forts Ferry homes are smaller homes. Many of  
18 those people could not live at the Summit.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I wish that the developers  
20 would come with more King Thiels. We would like to see  
21 that.

22 MS. NUMRICH: That's what I am hoping with our  
23 plan that we will look at.

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We have to get the developers  
25 to do that because -



1 MS. NUMRICH: Well then our Planning Board should  
2 be saying this is not appropriate for the Town of  
3 Colonie.

4 MS. WHALEN: I have a question for Joe. Did many  
5 people ask for an architectural review commission? That  
6 would be a good idea. I would like to make that a  
7 comment.

8 MR. LACIVITA: We tried that, actually back in  
9 2009 and when we were looking at that, there was  
10 another layer of review that was going to be adding  
11 more time to the process. We never carry that to the  
12 next step because of the negative comments we were  
13 getting from both the residents and the community.

14 MS. WHALEN: Did we receive many comments for that  
15 request for something like that in this update over the  
16 last two years? I have been reviewing it.

17 MR. LACIVITA: I think there has been a couple.

18 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I know that the Save Group put  
19 one in. I don't know of any others.

20 MS. WHALEN: Is that in here? Like, how many times  
21 do you have to have that comment before it resonates  
22 enough to get in this plan, I guess, is my question.

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Jen, it's the kind of thing on  
24 one hand you have people who want to streamline the  
25 planning process more and then you have on the other

1 hand, if you add other layers, you are assuming that  
2 what they are presenting or whatever - the planning  
3 Board does give a lot of feedback and the TDEs and the  
4 public on how they would like things to look.

5 MS. WHALEN: Like, Stewart's in Manchester,  
6 Vermont is all brick. It has trellis columns. It's  
7 beautiful. Stewart's here is like a cookie-cutter - -  
8 it is pretty enough, but it looks the same and it kind  
9 of trends what is in style at the moment.

10 I don't know. I just think we should try to have  
11 some kind of architectural review commission because  
12 even some of the colors of the buildings stick out like  
13 sore thumbs in the middle of the winter when there are  
14 no trees or leaves. Bright yellow and white is pretty,  
15 but some of those colors are very attractive in the  
16 wintertime. I don't know. I just think that maybe we  
17 should consider setting up something like that.

18 MR. LACIVITA: We could also handle that through  
19 our Land Use Law because each developmental district  
20 has design standards and I don't want to say they were  
21 vague in a sense, but it would say clapboard coloring  
22 and so on. If we are looking for architectural  
23 standards, that's the area to drop that in so when we  
24 do have a review, you have a little bit more than just  
25 the simple efus or whatever they may use. If they meet

1 the design standards, we need something to go little  
2 bit further.

3 MS. WHALEN: I think we are having this boom of  
4 construction. We might want to have an architectural  
5 review commission.

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes, sir.

7 MR. KOKENBURG: This has just been about  
8 affordable housing and apartments and that is my  
9 concern. If it is a condo - an affordable condo because  
10 it is cheaper to own a house than it is to rent an  
11 apartment. If you sell your house four years later, you  
12 have more money. It is up to the Town Board to make  
13 sure these kinds of projects go through. You can't just  
14 say gee, they don't want to build that.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: If I can just give you a  
16 reference - I don't know what your price range is or  
17 what you're looking for, but one of the projects that  
18 has been in the works for a while has a lot of variety.  
19 That's the Canterbury Crossings and there are condos,  
20 there are town houses.

21 MR. KOKENBURG: Where is that located?

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That is off of Route 9.

23 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Right by Guptil's.

24 MR. KOKENBERG: We live by Colonie Center.

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I know. If you want to stay in

1 that area -

2 MR. KOKENBURG: I understand development is what  
3 it is, but there has been no talk over the years about  
4 this kind of planning and now the land is almost gone.

5 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Is there anybody else because I  
6 know Gloria has been waiting.

7 It is your time.

8 MS. KNORR: You know you haven't seen me that much  
9 because since the last debate a couple of years ago, I  
10 was so impressed. I wish that more people would come to  
11 the debates because then you may feel like I feel that  
12 we have a great Town government here. I don't have to  
13 come. You know how much I used to come.

14 Paul, remember I was kind of a hostile - - I was  
15 just so upset when I saw you when they were doing the  
16 road to get to the airport. Remember? The farm and Times  
17 Union - they had five choices. When I saw you there at  
18 the meeting at South Colonie Middle School and I was  
19 just so upset.

20 What other thing can interrupt the farm I love so  
21 much - the sacred land? The Niagara Mohawk went through  
22 it. Jack Norton narrowed the road that we use.

23 I thought my grandfather owned it. He put his  
24 horses there to eat the grass to keep it clear and that  
25 was three-tenths of a mile long. The address was 230 Old

1 Niskayuna Road. I thought we owned it and I find out in  
2 the title search that it is an access road.

3 Then, of course the Thruway - - I mean the Northway  
4 that separated my uncle's pig business that's on Wolf  
5 Road that connects to Watervliet Shaker - separates his  
6 house from his barn. He got a lawyer and he could retire  
7 because he lost his business.

8 As a kid, loving 30 acres that was called 230 Old  
9 Niskayuna Road.

10 All of the sudden I miss my mother so much, I can't  
11 tell you. She died in 2007 - April 15. She went to  
12 Albany Business College. She was assertive and a very  
13 strong woman. She had two brothers and she was the  
14 oldest. She could talk to anybody - Jack Norton -- any  
15 developer and she knew what her land was worth. She  
16 saved it for her children and grandchildren to be able  
17 to build a house - just like she was able to build a  
18 house with my father on my father's family land which  
19 was 80 acres between the Hindu Temple and Venus Drive  
20 and back to Oakwood - that was an 80-acre farm. So she  
21 did the same thing. She worked so hard. We all know how  
22 hard secretaries work. We know the little pay that they  
23 get.

24 She was the second person in the school and the  
25 second to leave. It was the maintenance person who left.

1 He came before her.

2 She did the school census. She walked to every  
3 house in North Colonie - every house and did the school  
4 census. How I wish I had her business expertise or just  
5 living in the real world.

6 So, when I came to the debates a couple of years  
7 ago, Paula, I was so impressed with all of you. You know  
8 the question that I ask you every year - and sometime my  
9 question wasn't asked. So, if this year I'm going to ask  
10 a question, it won't be this one but this was always my  
11 question. What incentives can you give developers to  
12 build affordable housing so these people before me - I'm  
13 so glad it's music to my ears about affordable housing.  
14 You see now I came two weeks ago and in the new plan --  
15 is to accommodate the provision of a range of housing  
16 types. To see that in the middle of what you have done  
17 from when I participated in 2005 - to see all the things  
18 -- as I say that this is almost in Watervliet - these  
19 affordable housing.

20 I have 13 great acres for affordable housing and  
21 now that I hear that Times Union is up for sale -- they  
22 are commercial/office and I don't know all the things. I  
23 certainly was against a shopping center, but did I come  
24 and say not in my backyard? Enough people did that and  
25 the only objection I had to Times Union at the time was

1 that it had a place - a shopping center where you bought  
2 guns.

3 When I was six years old my grandfather committed  
4 suicide with a gun in the slaughterhouse. I saw my  
5 mother who was a wreck - - did she cry and I wish - - my  
6 grandmother - they took care of two children, my mother  
7 - a year and a half-year-old and a three-month-old. My  
8 father died.

9 My grandfather died when I was six. I did not know  
10 until I was 16 that my grandmother told me the truth  
11 because he wanted to go back to the Czech Republic. My  
12 son Tim gave me money and I went to the Czech Republic  
13 and I can see why he wanted to go back. The charm of the  
14 Czech Republic - they didn't have a place I could buy  
15 coffee were my grandmother was born or a gas station,  
16 but the sweet houses.

17 So, this is what I'm going to tell that I was so  
18 impressed about. The people that night - and I wrote  
19 this why I didn't have to come anymore - because Linda  
20 Murphy, first of all, used to bring me home. I loved her  
21 answer about green space and keeping green. All the  
22 highway crossing in our Town and the work that has been  
23 done while you run the Board -- of course, an answer to  
24 my question about affordable housing. The reason Albany  
25 Shaker is so busy because they get off 90, they come

1 Albany Shaker Road to hop on the Northway. I don't want  
2 to make it less attractive. What was that statement in a  
3 newspaper? To make Albany Shaker less attractive so then  
4 people won't drive on it. No, that's not the answer. So,  
5 that was Linda's comment. So, I haven't been because I  
6 certainly like your answer.

7 Then, the next person - I'm so mixed up. I have  
8 been watching twins - the spirit grandchildren that are  
9 five months old that I have that have been touched by  
10 God and heaven are in my life.

11 The next person, David Green - when I attended that  
12 debate, I felt very, very good because I loved all of  
13 your answers. My question is always about affordable  
14 housing. Someone asked about a moratorium. Your answer  
15 was that talking about land ownership by farmers long  
16 ago and to have it by a case-by-case basis. You answered  
17 all of the residents of the Town and that's a balance.  
18 You put people over politics and how the budget process  
19 is grueling.

20 You're the first Republican I ever voted for. I  
21 will vote for you and Mr. Carey because my son was a  
22 Drug Enforcement Agent in Colorado - Ecuador and Brazil  
23 and Portland Oregon. I know how hard law enforcement - I  
24 know what your career is. And you may put your sign on  
25 my lawn also.



1 MR. CAREY: Thank you, Gloria.

2 MR. ROSANO: Gloria, what about me?

3 MS. KNORR: I have you written up because what I  
4 am saying is you saw me that day and of course when  
5 Linda was away and you see I had a ride. I did have a  
6 ride. Do you know how many people want me to buy a car?  
7 When they know Tim left me as a beneficiary of half of  
8 his life insurance policy and a Roth IRA. Do you know  
9 how people want to spend that money? For me to get a  
10 car. I say no, I will own this land until my sacred  
11 place is designed in the way that I feel would be good  
12 for it because it is an odd shape that was 30 acres.  
13 Eighteen acres is with Times Union. Then, Niagara  
14 Mohawk went through and then the Northway. This lands -  
15 it hurts my soul when I remember it as a kid of being  
16 30 acres.

17 I am getting cards about 7 Saybrook Drive. They  
18 know about it. They approach me just wanting that one  
19 acre. It is the only way in to the other 12 acres. There  
20 could be other ways. The Town bought 187 Maxwell Road. I  
21 forgot how that process went. I think the Town has to  
22 okay it and what happens on those acres. So, I have  
23 accepted the reality that the way into 7 Saybrook Drive  
24 and driving into duplexes, which we definitely need, we  
25 also need -- I love my children. I need to have my own

1 place. I wouldn't mind an in-law apartment. I wouldn't  
2 mind that, but separate. I don't know. I do not want  
3 people to know or have my name on the list because right  
4 now I have not liked how Jack Norton dealt with my  
5 mother or me and my lawyer has talked to him. I have not  
6 liked how Times Union approached me 40 years ago.

7 One man was coming to my house and he was very  
8 nice. His name was Ty Richards. Whatever company he was  
9 from in Massachusetts. Then, I didn't know a second man  
10 was coming. The second man - when I saw two people come  
11 into my house, I turned on the DVD that I have of Tim  
12 and Desert Storm with no volume; just him. I was looking  
13 at him. He's another strength. My mother and my son,  
14 Tim. So, what did he say to me? I said well, I'm trying  
15 to work with veterans with the Albany Housing Coalition  
16 - I'm trying to work with them to have housing for  
17 veterans. There never should be homeless men or women.  
18 Veterans should never be homeless. So, what did he say?  
19 He gave me such a hard sell. What he said to me was: We  
20 will build your house. We will make a path out to you  
21 for Tim's Way. So, it is all about him and what he  
22 wants.

23 So, when I read the paper and I hear criticism of  
24 my Town government and how Paul found me and was always  
25 polite to me, always had given me advice about - - bring

1 a lawyer to Joe LaCivita or the Planning Department. He  
2 tells me the steps to do. I know how to obey rules. What  
3 I don't like is we have enough in our national  
4 government of division.

5 What I don't like reading in the Times Union - and  
6 by the way my son was a Knickerbocker carrier and I used  
7 to deliver the paper when he had soccer practice or  
8 soccer games in Schenectady, Paula, on Ardsley Road. I  
9 delivered papers. In the Zoller District I delivered 60  
10 of them on Sunday of the Times Union.

11 So, I'm not ready to pay \$400 for a lawyer - for  
12 property lawyer. I'm not ready yet because our real  
13 estate agent - they want 6% or 10% and then I have too  
14 many people I don't want to sell this land to.

15 So, what I wanted to say to you - Paula, I want to  
16 save yours for last - I have Paul Rosano. You have no  
17 idea when I see you at Stand Down and when I see you at  
18 Honor the Vet -- I just feel you are my friend. Plus,  
19 your family has lived there longer than mine. We have on  
20 the property and we still have a piece of it and it will  
21 be 105 years in October. There's only 13 acres left.

22 I really wished I had my mother here. How did we  
23 know? She didn't pay her property taxes in September.  
24 Her lawn was raked. Her house was spotless. I'm just  
25 amazed. The hardest work I've ever known.

1           Also, when I see Paul Tonko. He was at Stand. I  
2           wasn't there last year because there was a baby shower  
3           and I have wonderful grand twins here. Also, I always  
4           felt that people didn't take care of veterans people  
5           only 1% of people are veterans - men and women and their  
6           families.

7           When I see you, Paul, and when I see Paul Tonko -  
8           Paula when I saw you in Schenectady for Charlene Robbins  
9           - - how do I know Charlene Robbins is a gold storm  
10          mother is because of the wonderful ceremony at The  
11          Crossings for veterans.

12          Tim has a stone. I paid \$60 and he has a stone. I  
13          love to go there. It is my place.

14          So, I remember Jennifer you said it must be hard  
15          for me. Oh no, it is not hard for me. My son is in every  
16          cell of my being. I have a beautiful writing about how  
17          your mother and your children cells are in you.

18          Not enough people come there. They don't come to  
19          the debates. They don't come to the veteran ceremony  
20          except for veterans and their families and thankful many  
21          of you do come. I do appreciate that. It is another way  
22          to honor veterans and especially from our area.

23          I want you to know that Tim did live on the farm.  
24          He went to Southgate School. I had one child in the  
25          middle school and then one child at the high school. It

1 was my daughter in high school, even though she got  
2 great grades, who missed Schenectady, Paula, because of  
3 the socioeconomic difference between the haves and  
4 have-nots. We went back to Schenectady and my youngest  
5 child graduated. So, my daughter Suzanne was a lawyer.

6 Paula, this is what I wanted to say. I loved your  
7 answer that there is fair playing fields for all in the  
8 Town keeping balance and strong economic development.  
9 You said there was 100 acres saved for green space  
10 monitoring of the landfill that the Town owns and it's  
11 done by the DEC.

12 Then, you said it is good to have a mixed political  
13 Board. You invite residents to come. Of course, you  
14 always have a good answer for my question, but now I'm  
15 going to have to think of another question for the  
16 debate.

17 This is what I want to say. How you respond to my  
18 public comments at Board meetings gives me a sense of  
19 community that I am part of. I see in others what I see  
20 in myself. I realize we are all connected and all desire  
21 a greater connection. I thank all of you for working so  
22 hard on my behalf and for all the 83,000 or 84,000 in  
23 our Town and I will be at the debate. I will be to all  
24 of these because I'm going to tell you how much fun I  
25 had in 2005 by being part of this whole thing and having

1 a voice.

2 My mother was still alive when I was doing this and  
3 then having a guide.

4 I want to know about the rules when people approach  
5 me for what they can do or not.

6 I always recall what Paul tells me. Get a lawyer  
7 and come to Planning. I know the door is always open. I  
8 appreciate all the time that you give when I see you out  
9 and about at the Pruyne House. I have so much fun with  
10 my grandchildren at the Pruyne House.

11 One time it was all the same. Which one do you go  
12 to? Do you go to the Pruyne House or the Shaker Heritage  
13 or The Crossings? They are now divided.

14 We double the number of veterans or maybe it's five  
15 times the amount and I am glad that Kiersten Gillibrand  
16 is trying to help farmers.

17 On suicide - they are very, very proud people. They  
18 are independent people and whether they have no control,  
19 they work so hard.

20 I want to say there is a wonderful pig roast that  
21 we have at our American Legion 1610 in Albany. My  
22 neighbor said well, I don't know about a pig roast. I  
23 want to see it. I was just ready to go to the pig roast  
24 and the great salads and our Commander at the post makes  
25 great food. So, I took her there.

1 I have great memories when I was six and the  
2 butchering of the pigs and how they did it.

3 So, my grandfather was 58 when he died and I was  
4 six.

5 I want to help farmers. I go to the Farmers Market  
6 at the Empire State Plaza. I can't wait for the one at  
7 The Crossings to start. What do I buy? I buy mushrooms  
8 and spinach and I'm a grandparent to my son's daycare  
9 and I show them the spinach and the mushrooms. I love  
10 farmers. I love their independence and I will do  
11 anything to help a farmer.

12 My son Tim just gave me \$1,000. He said mom, you  
13 always wanted to see where your grandmother and  
14 grandfather came from. I see why he wanted to go back. I  
15 would like to go back, but it's very hard on those brick  
16 streets. Veterans - my heart goes to veterans.

17 Guess what? I was raised by a pacifist who came  
18 from the Czech Republic.

19 So, instead of coming here - - I will do anything  
20 to support all of you for taking care of our Town. I  
21 will do anything.

22 Tonight I wanted to go to a church in Albany. A  
23 speaker is talking about war and oil. So, I am  
24 interested in the climate. Of course I am for my  
25 grandchildren and their children.

1           So, trees are nice.

2           Let us work on preventing all the wars we can.

3           I'm a little bit leery of doing a feature article  
4 with the newspaper because Channel 6 -- when Tim was in  
5 Desert Storm and we were in our Central Parkway home and  
6 my son Larry who now is a global studies teacher was  
7 upstairs, he had dreams that his brother would be hung.

8           Suzanne is very outgoing. She is a lawyer now. She  
9 was there.

10           That reporter from Channel 6 asked me: How would  
11 you feel if your son didn't come home? So, I just said I  
12 don't know if I could go on. So, I'm hesitant because my  
13 son was very private. He had a dignified bearing.

14           I do like this one person on PBS whose name is  
15 Michael Gersten. He says: Depression is like having a  
16 tumor.

17           Judy Woodruff was shocked that he had depression  
18 and was ongoing. So, I wanted to learn more. I do want  
19 to work more in the mental health field and luckily -

20           MS. WHALEN: Excuse me, Gloria. I'm sorry to  
21 interrupt, but did we close the public hearing and open  
22 the public comment?

23           MS. KNORR: No, I will wrap it up.

24           MS. WHALEN: I just want to know are we inserting  
25 this into the Comprehensive Plan?



1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We haven't yet closed the  
2 public hearing.

3 MS. WHALEN: Should we close the public hearing  
4 and then have public comment?

5 MR. MAGGUILLI: No, we don't intend on closing the  
6 public hearing tonight.

7 MS. WHALEN: Adjourn it. I mean not close it. Oh  
8 my God, no we're not closing it.

9 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I'm going to make a motion to  
10 keep it open until the next meeting. I think what  
11 Jennifer is asking is: Is there anything else that  
12 relates the Comprehensive Plan, Gloria?

13 MS. KNORR: In January 2019 this is the Times  
14 Union - buyers plan to build affordable homes - not so  
15 much. I just want to appreciate all these other people  
16 who really focused on that part. What is really hard  
17 for me here -- I will come to these hearings on the  
18 Comprehensive Plan.

19 What is so hard is now it's a voting time again. I  
20 really cannot take the stress of that. I want us to be  
21 an exceptional Town and we are. I know that all of you  
22 work hard and do a good job. I used to come here every  
23 month. Remember, there used to be an article: Citizen  
24 Gloria, they called me. I don't have to come every  
25 meeting.

1           So, I do appreciate all your work and I will keep  
2 coming to these and it doesn't matter to me. The longer  
3 the better because then we will have a good plan. I  
4 thank you.

5           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you, Gloria.

6           MS. WHALEN: So, the Comprehensive Plan hearing  
7 will still - we are still conducting a right now, but  
8 if there's no one else, should we move to adjourn it?

9           SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I think that's it. What we are  
10 going to do is make a motion to keep the public hearing  
11 open.

12           MS. WHALEN: Should we set a date for four weeks -  
13 like two meetings from now and then have the final  
14 draft in two weeks?

15           MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: I think it's good to have  
16 the comment at every opportunity that you can get,  
17 personally. If you're going to continue the public  
18 hearing and you want people to comment, you need to  
19 keep it open for everybody, instead of giving everybody  
20 for weeks to come back and then having there be a  
21 problem, let's just keep the conversation going.

22           MR. GREEN: I will make a motion to adjourn the  
23 public hearing to our next meeting which is April 18.

24           MR. CAREY: I will second that.

25           MS. WHALEN: And then there will be a working

1 draft that will be posted. The most recent draft with  
2 the most recent amendments will be posted on the  
3 website hopefully by tomorrow. Then, the next set of  
4 amendments will hopefully be posted with may be more  
5 time? Can we try to do that?

6 MR. GREEN: We need to vote on the motion first?

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: It might be out of her our  
8 control. We have to wait until the Consultant gives it  
9 back to us. For now, we can concentrate on that people  
10 have this to look at and they can go on the website and  
11 we will continue in two weeks.

12 MS. GANSLE: We have a motion and a second to  
13 adjourn the public hearing to April 18. It has been  
14 moved and seconded.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye. Clerk,  
16 call the roll.

17 (The roll was called.)

18 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam Supervisor.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The motion is adopted for the  
20 adjournment and we will see you in two weeks.

21 Have a safe trip home.

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23 (Where is the above entitled proceeding was  
24 concluded at 9:10 p.m.)  
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3 I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and Notary  
4 Public in and for the State of New York, hereby CERTIFY  
5 that the record taken by me at the time and place noted  
6 in the heading hereof is a true and accurate transcript  
7 of same, to the best of my ability and belief.

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