

Rye Brook to Hold Second Public Workshop for First Village Comprehensive Plan

RYE BROOK, NY – The Village of Rye Brook will hold its second **Public Workshop** on **Monday, October 28, 2013**, to gather additional input and receive feedback in designated study areas in preparation of the Village’s first Comprehensive Plan. The workshop will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 938 King Street. All interested residents, employees, property owners and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

The purpose of this Public Workshop is to present ideas and receive feedback on areas including land use and zoning, parks and open spaces and the commercial center of the Village. Another focus of the workshop will be to present the results of the online public survey that ran from mid-August through September.

The October 28 workshop will cover the survey results in detail, including these major issues that were raised:

- Desire for a more diverse range of shops and restaurants in the Village’s commercial center, along with increased parking and the addition of more landscaping and seating to improve the “Village Center” feel.
- Support for a community pool and/or multi-use recreational facility.
- Support for the preservation of/ obtaining of additional, open space.
- Demand for additional passive uses such as walking and biking trails.
- Concern about traffic, especially on King Street and around schools and shopping centers during rush hours.

The comprehensive planning process in Rye Brook began in the fall of 2012, when the Village issued a request for proposals for a consultant team to assist with the project. Although the Village has an extensive history of plans that cover a range of specific topics, it has never before had in place a master planning document to guide future decisions on development, zoning and capital spending. The comprehensive plan will build on these prior planning efforts and establish a policy guide for land use within Rye Brook. The Plan also represents the culmination of a unique and innovative partnership with the Westchester County Department of Planning, which completed in May 2012 an extensive report, *Village of Rye Brook Planning Base Studies: A Detailed Study of Existing Conditions*, in a pilot project to demonstrate how the County and Village planning documents can inform and support each other. This report – together with the past Village planning studies – will form the baseline discussion for the comprehensive planning effort.

The one-year project is being carried out through March 2014 by the Rye Brook Village Board and a 12-member advisory committee representing a broad range of interests in the Village, in conjunction with the consultant team of BFJ Planning (Buckhurst, Fish and Jacquemart, Inc.) and Urbanomics.

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