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MEETINGS & EVENTS

11/8 (W) Comp. Plan Update

Public Hearing, 7pm AcF

11/8 (W) Plan. & Zoning Com-

mittee, 8pm AcF

11/9 (Th) Environmental Com-

mission, 7pm TH

11/13 (M) Code Task Force,

7pm TH

11/14 (Tu) Zoning Board of

Appeals, 7:30pm TH

11/15 (W) Youth Dept. Board,

9:30am CC

11/15 (W) Fire Commissioner

Board Meeting, 7:30pm AcF

11/20 (M) Historic Preservation

Commission, 4pm TH

11/20 (M) Comprehensive Plan

Update Meeting, 7pm TH

11/21 (Tu) Planning Board,

7pm TH

11/22 (W) Surplus Equip. bids

due to Town Clerk 10am TH

11/22 (W) Town Board (Audit),

4:30pm TH

12/7 (Th) Town Board Meet-

ing, 7pm TH

TH=Town Hall
CC=Community Center
AcF=Accord Firehouse

2007 Town Budget Approved

Budget presented to Town Residents during November Town Board Meeting

At the regularly scheduled November meeting of the Town Board, Supervisor Duke (acting in her role as Town Budget Officer) presented the Preliminary Town Budget for 2007. She used a PowerPoint presentation to present

budget highlights, explain the processes involved in budget formulation and make comparisons with last year's budget. Duke reminded the group that the Town only has control over the Town's General

Fund and Highway budgets. She said that while the Fire District budget is also provided in the same document as the Town Budget, Board has no input or influence in its formulation. Similarly, while local taxes are raised to meet re-

source requirements of Ulster County and the Rondout School District, the Board plays no role in their budgeting processes. Several residents in attendance asked for clarification on spe-

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Comprehensive Plan Update Nears Approval

First Revision in 37 Years Will Set Course for Future Town Growth & Development

After almost one year of analysis, deliberation, consultation, and numerous revisions to reflect community input, the update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan since 1969 is nearing final approval.

The Update is the result of a the tireless efforts of the Plan-

ning & Zoning Committee, comprised of a broad cross-section of town residents as well as outside consultants. The new Plan also benefited significantly from the varied and thoughtful contributions of numerous residents who participated in one or more of the eight town meetings and three

public hearings held at various stages of its formulation.

The Plan begins with an introductory section that establishes the context and rationale for the update. Following this are six core plan elements, each with a separate goal statement,

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Free Thanksgiving Day Luncheon at Town Community Center

Make reservations by November 17th (Tel: 626-2115)

The Community Center will be providing a free Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 23 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Seniors, families, and any one else who may be spending the day alone are invited to come join together as a community family for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Turkey and all the fixings will be served between 11:30AM—2:00PM.

Donations of large turkeys, stuffing, cranberries, potatoes, desserts, etc. are needed as are volunteers to cook the turkeys, make the stuffing, and/or deliver food. To donate food or to volunteer help, please call the Youth Department at 626-2115. Also call this number if you know someone who would enjoy a home delivered meal.

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cific budget items, including the demolition fund, environmental fund, joint recreation project, business recruitment committee,

audio-visual equipment and employee salaries.

Subsequent to the meeting additional changes were made to the budget, and on Nov. 8th, the Town Board

gave its approval. A summary of the adopted budget is provided below. The full, detailed budget will be made available on the Town website and from the Town Clerk.

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set of objectives and policy recommendations. These plan elements are:

- Environmental Quality
- Land Use
- Economic Development
- Community Character
- Infrastructure
- Government Services.

Summary of 2007 Adopted Town Budget

FUND	APPROPRIATIONS & PROVISIONS FOR OTHER USES	LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES	LESS UNEXPENDED BALANCE	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES
GENERAL	\$1,891,274	\$865,737	\$182,000	\$843,537
HIGHWAY-TOWNWIDE	\$1,457,233	\$172,540	\$0	\$1,284,693
SUBTOTAL	\$3,348,507	\$1,038,277	\$182,000	\$2,128,230
SPECIAL DISTRICTS:				
ACCORD FIRE KERHONKSON	\$667,143			\$667,143
FIRE	\$200			\$200
ACCORD LIGHTING KERHONKSON	\$1,886			\$1,886
LIGHTING	\$1,172			\$1,172
BERME ROAD LIGHTING	\$344			\$344
SAGES LOOP ROAD	\$17,480			\$17,480
BARRY LANE	\$6,004			\$6,004
SUBTOTAL	\$694,229	\$0	\$0	\$694,229
TOTALS	\$4,042,736	\$1,038,277	\$182,000	\$2,822,459

Flu Shots Available

The Ulster County Health Department will hold its annual influenza and pneumococcal vaccination clinics at several locations throughout the county beginning on Friday, Nov. 3. No appointments are necessary, and county residents may attend any site which is convenient. A complete schedule of times and locations for the clinics is available by calling the Ulster County Health Department Flu Hotline at 340-3093, or by clicking the link on the Town website.

County residents who are at greatest risk for influenza-related conditions are encouraged to receive the flu vac-

ination. This high-risk group includes those over the age of 50, as well as adults aged 18 and over who have heart disease, chronic bronchopulmonary disease, renal disease, diabetes mellitus, other chronic metabolic disorders, severe anemia and/or compromised immune function, and others who are at risk of influenza-related conditions. Influenza vaccine is also recommended for home care providers and others (including household members) who may be in close contact with high-risk individuals.

Senior citizens who have Medicare Part B benefits will be able to obtain their vaccinations through Medicare. The recipient must be entitled to Part B coverage on the date of service, Medicare Part B must

be the primary insurance coverage, and the Medicare Card must be presented on the date of service. For those not eligible for Medicare Part B coverage, there will be a \$20.00 charge for influenza vaccination and a \$35.00 charge for pneumococcal vaccination, payable at the clinic.

County residents enrolled in Medicare Managed Care programs should consult with their primary care physician prior to presenting at one of the Health Department's sites.

The 2006-2007 vaccine to be administered contains A/Wisconsin, A/New Caledonia, B/Malaysia-like antigens. Individuals immunized last year are **NOT** protected against this year's type, and should receive the new vaccine.

The Plan also presents a 5-year timetable and set of priorities for implementation.

See the town website or Town Clerk for the most recent (Oct. 11, 2006) version of the Plan. When approved, the final Updated Plan will also be available from the Town website and Town Clerk.

New Ethics Guidelines for Planning Board

The chairman of the Town's Planning Board, Steven Fornal, has recently issued new ethics guidelines to Board members. In summary, these guidelines involve:

- Limitations on the acceptance of gifts
- When a member's recusal from involvement in application proceedings is required, and when not required
- Cautions regarding professional representatives of applicants (e.g., civil engineers) who are well known to or appear regularly before the Board
- Need for discussions on applications to remain objective and non-personal
- Ban on vocalizing judgments on applications until all evidence is obtained and a full (public) review has been conducted
- Ban on discussions between applicants and one or more PB members outside of the formal application review process
- Limitations and cautions on using email correspondence regarding applications.

For more information on these new guidelines, contact Steven Fornal, Planning Board Chair, Planning & Zoning Office, P.O. Box 65, Accord, NY 12404.

Surplus Equipment Sale

The Town of Rochester has surplus equipment for sale. A detailed listing of the sale items is available on the Town's website and from the Town Clerk. Sealed

bids must be submitted by November 22nd, 2006 at 10 a.m. to the Town Clerk at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The Town Clerk will award the bids at the December 7, 2006 Town Board Meeting. For

more information on the bidding process, contact the Town Clerk (626-7384). The Town Board has the right to reject any and all bids.

To view the Highway Surplus items, inspection times will be on November 14th and 15th and

November 20th and 21st between the hours of 6:00 am and 2:30 pm at the Highway Garage. Other items will be available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office from 8am - 12 noon and 1:00 pm - 4 pm daily.