

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing on the Alfred, NY Comprehensive Plan

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January 7, 2020

**Present:** Mayor Becky Prophet, Deputy Mayor McClain, Trustees Brown, Gill and Ninos; Clerk Hasper; County Director of Planning Kier Dirlam and County Planning and Development Specialist Michelle Denhoff; Town of Alfred Supervisor Dan Acton, Town of Alfred Deputy Supervisor Fion MacCrea, Town of Alfred Councilmen Bill Cleveland, Matt Snyder and Wendy Dailey; and approximately 14 members of the public.

- 1. Public Hearing Opening** – Mayor Prophet opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.
- 2.** Board members from each municipality introduced themselves to the public.
- 3.** Trustees Ninos expressed gratitude to all who have worked so hard and diligently over the past five years to make this Alfred Comprehensive Plan a reality.
- 4.** The floor was opened for comments concerning the Alfred NY Comprehensive Plan
- 5. Public Comment:**
  - a. Town resident Fred Sinclair, while complimenting those who have compiled the Comprehensive plan, shared several concerns regarding it. Noting the weight this document holds in setting direction and future actions, he suggested:
    - i. Removal of the word “wireless” on page 38, paragraph 2, sentence 1 between the words “bringing” and “broadband”.
    - ii. Removal of the word “wireless” on page 56 under “Planned Achievements”, sentence 2 after the word “Armstrong”.
    - iii. Adding a statement at the end of the plan which states that the Town and Village reserves the right to employ The Precautionary Principle and or require SEQR review of projects or actions which may impact public health or the environment.
  - b. A request was made for a summary of the plan. Kier Dirlam responded giving a history of Alfred’s comprehensive plan from 2004 to the present noting challenges encountered, ideas incorporated into it, various people and groups who contributed, projects integrated into it, and preservation of good from former plan while laying aside dreams that required adjustments for the future.
  - c. A suggestion was made to include exterior housekeeping and renewable energy. It was noted that it is in there on page 66 Goal #1. The concepts are included while the mechanism/how to remains open ended.
- 6. Adjournment – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustee Ninos/Brown to adjourn the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

**Alfred Comprehensive Plan – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Brown/McClain to approve the Alfred Comprehensive Plan with the following minor edits:

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- a. Change the year from "2019" to "2020"
- b. Glossary - Add "precautionary principle"
- c. On page 38, paragraph 2, sentence 1 Remove the word "wireless" which appears between the words "bringing" and "broadband".
- d. On page 56 under "Planned Achievements", sentence 2 remove the word "wireless" after the word "Armstrong".
- e. Add the following statement to the end of the plan: "The Town and Village of Alfred reserve the right to employ a diligent review, i.e. the precautionary principle and/or SEQR, of projects or actions which may impact public health or the environment."

Motion passed 5-0.

**Adjournment – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustee Ninos/Gill to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hasper, Clerk