

**A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Thomas DeVinko, Deputy Mayor Donna Jacaruso and Trustee Steve Presser.**

**ABSENT:**

**Trustee Susan Walski, Trustee Vernon Coleman and Village Clerk Christine Shenkman.**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Village Attorney Christopher Pavlacka, Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro and H2O Operations Project Manager Justin Fairbrother.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**Mayor Thomas DeVinko led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE - PRESIDENT CARTER AND NEW ORLEANS TRAGEDY:**

**Mayor DeVinko observed a Moment of Silence in memory of former President Jimmy Carter who recently passed away, and the Victims of the devastating tragedy in New Orleans.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C – LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF THE YEAR 2025:**

**Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to open the Public Hearing regarding the above referenced Local Law; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.**

**Mayor Thomas DeVinko explained the purpose of this Local Law is to authorize the Village Board to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Washingtonville, and to further allow the Village Board to adopt a Budget for the fiscal year commencing on March 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 3-c.**

**Mayor Thomas DeVinko stated audience comment will now be received:**

**There being no comment:**

**Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to close the above stated Public Hearing; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING RECESS:**

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to recess the Village Board Regular Meeting in order for the Village Comprehensive Plan Committee to conduct a Presentation; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE PRESENTATION - VILLAGE DRAFT  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Village Comprehensive Planner Bonnie Franson requested the following Resolution be passed:

**RESOLUTION – OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE  
COMMITTEE PLAN:**

Committee member George Lanzot made a motion, seconded by Committee member Rick Budakowski and adopted to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Comprehensive Committee Plan; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

Planner Bonnie Franson explained “we are Planners obtained by the Village of Washingtonville to oversee this process in coordination with the Village Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Village could not have done this process without the Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Village Mayor and Trustees, the Village staff and Village residents.” Planner Franson conducted a slideshow presentation and explained the steps and details of the proposed Comprehensive Plan.



Public Hearing  
January 6, 2025

## VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT



### PARTICIPANTS



NELSON, POPE & VOORHIS

#### •2023-2024 Comprehensive Plan Committee:

- Rick Budakowski (PB/ZBA member)
- Patricia Cooney (PB/ZBA member)
- Patrice Gesner (PB/ZBA member)
- George Lanzot
- Carole McCann
- Jennifer Nieves
- Jerry Norris
- Steven Telli

#### • Village of Washingtonville Staff

#### • Village of Washingtonville Board of Trustees

#### • Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC

#### •The Public!

## VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE

-  Washingtonville Neighbors
-  Washingtonville Parcels
-  Streams



# PROCESS

- 1. Establish a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group
- 2. Review Past Plans
- 3. Develop A Community Survey
- 4. Analyze Existing Conditions
- 5. Public Participation
- 6. Identify Goals, Objectives and Recommendations
- 7. Draft the Comprehensive Plan
- 8. Draft Plan Update presented to the Village Board
- 9. Village Board Holds Public Hearing, conducts Environmental Review
- 10. Adopt Comprehensive Plan (Zoning to Follow)



# PROCESS

Has been Available for Review on the Village Website:

The Village of Washingtonville's DRAFT Comprehensive Plan is now available for review [here](https://www.washingtonville-ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024-Comp-Plan-DRAFT.pdf) on our website. The Comprehensive Committee will hold a Public Hearing at Village Hall on Monday, Jan. 6th at 7pm.

<https://www.washingtonville-ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024-Comp-Plan-DRAFT.pdf>

# WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?



A document that guides immediate and long-range growth, protection, **enhancement** and development in a Village.



Assesses the Issues and Opportunities Confronting the Village of Washingtonville



Sets the Vision, Goals, and Policies for Preservation and Growth for the next 10-20 years



## WHY IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPORTANT?



All Village land use regulations must be in accordance with an adopted comprehensive plan as required by NYS Law



Proactive vs Reactive - builds community consensus & coordination in advance



Can help to attract investment and support future funding opportunities

**Important!**

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INPUTS



Plan Committee, Staff and Town Board



In Person Workshop



Public Online Surveys



Existing Conditions Inventory



Public Participation

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASIC QUESTIONS



Where Are We Now?



Where Are We Going?



Where Do We Want to Be?



How Do We Get There?







Where Do We Want to Be?

# FUTURE WASHINGTONVILLE

VISUAL PREFERENCES  
AND DESIGN

## VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

*What images are representative of the kinds of buildings and architecture that should be encouraged for residences in the Village of Washingtonville?*

Top Residential Preferences:



Small Lot Single Family



Large Lot Single Family

## VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY

*What images are representative of the kinds of buildings and architecture that should be encouraged for commercial uses in the Village of Washingtonville?*

Top Commercial Preferences:



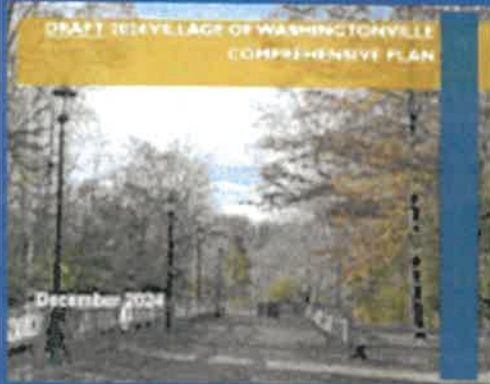
Restaurant with Outdoor Seating



Mixed two- and three- story commercial, street and public parking



## How Do We Get There?



Introduction

Vision for the Future

Land Patterns

Goals and Objectives

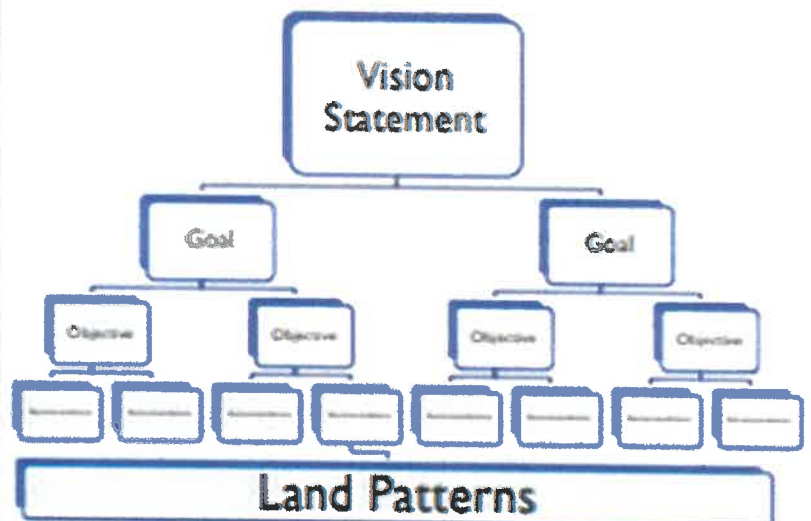
Downtown Washingtonville

Design Guidelines

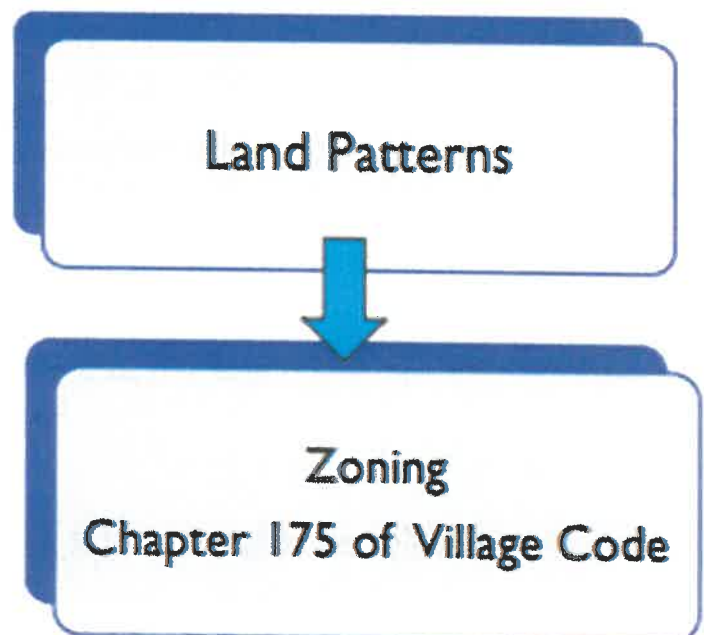
Implementation

Appendices –Public Participation Results, Maps

## VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICY FRAMEWORK

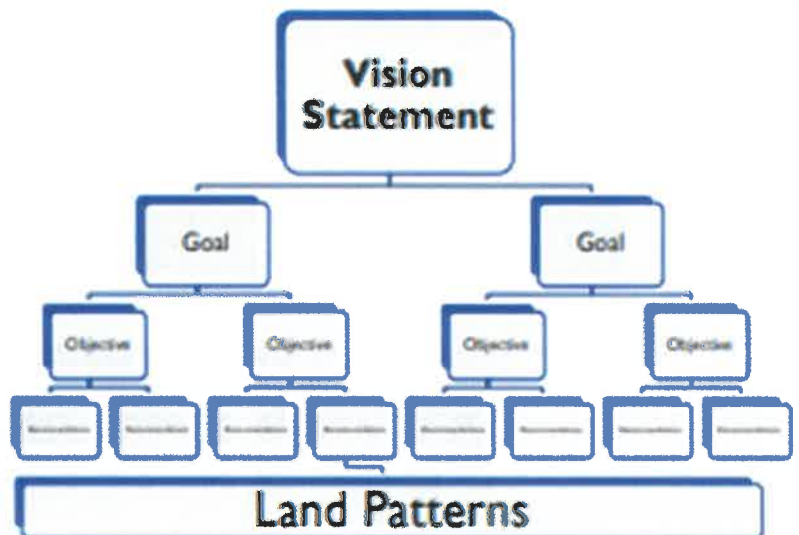


## VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICY FRAMEWORK





# VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICY FRAMEWORK



## VISION STATEMENT



### WASHINGTONVILLE VISION STATEMENT

The Village of Washingtonville is a quaint, picturesque, welcoming and supportive community. Its unique character and history are evident throughout the Village. The Village of Washingtonville will continue to preserve its quality of life, protect its natural resources, and protect and support the economic interests of the community by supporting local businesses and encouraging responsible development. In the next 10 years and beyond, the Village of Washingtonville will:

- Protect and enhance its natural environs including floodplains, wetlands, surface waters, its native landscape and scenic views.
- Maintain its historic beauty and character through appropriate future reuse and compatible development.
- Protect the aesthetic character and quality of life within the downtown and residential neighborhoods.
- Encourage economic development which fits within the Village's existing building pattern and scale of development.
- Encourage collaboration between residents, business owners, and organizations within the community.
- Emphasize transparency and accountability for all.

# VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICY FRAMEWORK



## GOAL CATEGORIES - 7



## GOALS

Promote a diverse land use pattern which allows for the continued reasonable growth of residential and commercial uses.

Continue providing a diversity of housing options ensure future housing development is consistent with the preferred scale, density and size preferred by the Village.

Continue to protect the rich system of interconnected floodplains, streams and wetland corridors to protect its public water supply and ensure that the future density of development is limited in areas which are environmentally constrained.

Promote a multimodal transportation system which prioritizes an interconnected and safe pedestrian network.

Ensure the wealth of community services and facilities which serve its residents and businesses are storm-hardened.

Protect the historic and scenic resources within the community that have established the Village's unique sense of place.

Preserve and promote the Village's history and scenic character embodied in its historic buildings, cultural assets, and landscapes.

## OBJECTIVES EXAMPLE:

**1. Promote a diverse land use pattern which allows for the continued reasonable growth of residential and commercial uses.**

Simplify the Number of Residential Zones.

Create a new Downtown Zone and Rezone Areas to Allow Downtown Expansion.

Create a Simple Use Table and Bulk Table.

Address creation of the Joint Planning Board/ZBA.

Update the Purposes Section of the Zoning.





## LAND PATTERNS

The Village of Washingtonville is blessed with an interconnected system of greenway corridors which encompass the many streams and wetlands that are located throughout the Village.

The Village's low-density areas are generally found along the Village's westerly and southerly boundaries – these areas have been developed with single-family detached dwellings on larger lots.

The Medium Density Residential land use area encompasses the smaller lot single-family detached dwellings within the Village. The High-Density Residential areas encompass the Village's multifamily and manufactured housing complexes.

The Village is served by two state roads, NYS Route 94 and NYS Route 208. These corridors are identified locally as West and East Main Street, and South Street and Goshen Avenue.

The Village downtown area is the heart of the community. It contains the major retail and commercial uses within the community as well as some of its major community facilities, i.e., the Moffat Library.

There are two areas in the Village intended to accommodate heavier commercial uses and light industrial uses. The commercial area is located by the Village's wastewater plant, and is used for self-storage facility and contractor uses.

The Gateway area is a large area located along the easterly side of NYS Route 208 when entering the Village from the unincorporated Town of Blooming Grove by the state roads' intersection with Woodcock Mountain Road.



# IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

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Action Item	Timeline for Implementation			
	Start Date	Completion Date	Responsible Party	Status
ACTION ITEM 1: Develop a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance				
1.1. Conduct public hearings and community outreach	2023-01-15	2023-03-15	Planning Department	Completed
1.2. Draft Zoning Ordinance	2023-03-15	2023-05-15	Planning Department	In Progress
1.3. Review and revise Zoning Ordinance	2023-05-15	2023-07-15	Planning Department	Pending Review
1.4. Adopt Zoning Ordinance	2023-07-15	2023-09-15	Planning Department	Pending Approval
ACTION ITEM 2: Develop a Comprehensive Design Guidelines				
2.1. Conduct public hearings and community outreach	2023-01-15	2023-03-15	Planning Department	Completed
2.2. Draft Design Guidelines	2023-03-15	2023-05-15	Planning Department	In Progress
2.3. Review and revise Design Guidelines	2023-05-15	2023-07-15	Planning Department	Pending Review
2.4. Adopt Design Guidelines	2023-07-15	2023-09-15	Planning Department	Pending Approval
ACTION ITEM 3: Develop a Comprehensive Historic Preservation Ordinance				
3.1. Conduct public hearings and community outreach	2023-01-15	2023-03-15	Planning Department	Completed
3.2. Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance	2023-03-15	2023-05-15	Planning Department	In Progress
3.3. Review and revise Historic Preservation Ordinance	2023-05-15	2023-07-15	Planning Department	Pending Review
3.4. Adopt Historic Preservation Ordinance	2023-07-15	2023-09-15	Planning Department	Pending Approval

# DESIGN GUIDELINES



**Facade restoration to the street** As shown in **Image 1**, historic buildings should **never** present a blank wall facing the street. Instead, it results in a poor and uninteresting streetscape and pedestrian environment. Buildings are to be designed so that **all** **facade** areas and sometimes, rather than blank walls, garages, or storage areas, face the street. Off-street parking areas should never be located in **front** of a building. Where it is difficult to locate parking behind a building, it should only be along the side of it. The rear facade of a building, where storage dumpsters and offices are located, should never be visible from a street or otherwise screened. Where a blank wall along a street cannot be avoided, landscaping **is** required **along** the street.

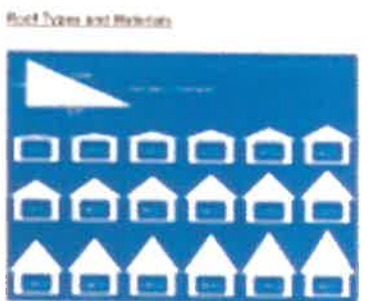
**Building placement** The front facade of buildings are to be parallel to the street. A setback, unless it is a corner property **along** the street, **is** not **allowed** where an angled building would achieve the objectives of these design guidelines. This **means** where a building of an angle **is** **not** **allowed**.



**Roof types and materials**

**Scale and mass** The guidelines encourage buildings that fit with the scale and mass of existing downtown buildings. The scale and mass of new buildings need to be comparable with that of the historic and precedent buildings, particularly as viewed from adjacent streets. Above, a large building has been broken into the appearance of multiple buildings through the use of multiple gable roofs, and different architectural treatments (Armonk, NY). The **goal** treatment is to require smaller individual building footprints – breaking up the massing of a building is **another** design alternative.



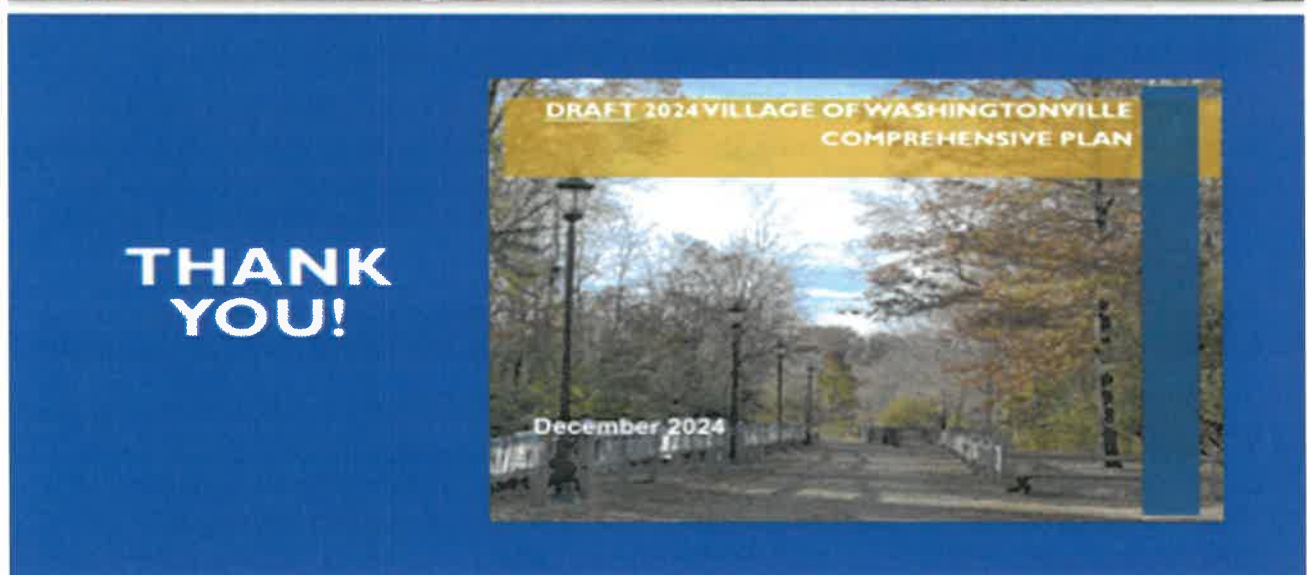


**Roof types and materials**

**Roof style** Roofs in the Village are flat, gambrel, gable, or style roofs. All roofs **are** to be gabled with a minimum pitch of one rise to 12 **feet** for full. Flat roof types have a **minimum** pitch of 1:12 in the Village.

## NEXT STEPS

-  Complete Environmental Review
-  Finalize Comprehensive Plan
-  Review and Adopt the Zoning



**VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

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**JANUARY 6, 2025**

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE PLAN  
(CONTINUED):**

Ms. Franson indicated “the immediate next steps to follow would be for the Comprehensive Committee to decide to vote on this Plan. Comments, opinions and recommendations from the public during the Hearing will be taken into consideration by the Village Board. An environmental review process has to be completed before the Village Board can adopt the Plan.”

Planner Franson stated “the Committee will now receive public comment. Once this is finished then the Comprehensive Committee will convene in the back office and discuss all comments provided this evening while the Village Board proceeds with their meeting.”

Resident Anthony Grice of 11 North Street stated “I am a new resident of Washingtonville and this is my first meeting. I have little experience with Comprehensive Plans but would like to commend the Village and Committee for all your good work. One thing that has peaked my curiosity is the balance to preserve green space. In the wider tax base of 3.4 it was said those properties in this area are in the hands of private owners. Looking at the Plan it is not clear to me if I bought property in these areas and wanted to develop it would it still be allowed to go through? I do own a business in this area therefore I need further clarification regarding the 3.4.” The Village Attorney interjected “I can offer clarification from a legal standpoint. The general rule with some narrow exceptions is if there is no approval by the Village Building Department, Planning Board, Zoning Board or whatever entity needs to approve development then you need to adhere to the Zoning.”

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE PLAN  
(CONTINUED):**

An audience member who lives on Democracy Lane in Brookside Acres explained "I am a new General Contractor local business owner and often operate in the Village of Washingtonville. I do not have a problem with taxes being raised as I see how well they are being utilized. In the future, I am looking to develop real estate such as small malls and my understanding of the proposed Comprehensive Plan is that it would severely limit me in Washingtonville. Other than this, I agree with many of the Zoning changes which need to happen because there is a large number of single family housing developments and I believe the Village could benefit from multi-family housing. Also, if commercial building areas were created than many residents would have increased numbers of job opportunities."

Resident Bill O'Meara of 14 Clinton Drive stated "I have been a resident for over twenty-five (25) years and I think this Plan is very professionally done. My question for the Village Attorney is if there is protection in the Plan regarding the Governor now being able to override local Zoning Laws to allow an increase in development housing?"

The Village Attorney commented "the Executive Branch was proposing this approximately two (2) years ago but due to pushback the matter did not proceed."

Mr. O'Meara questioned "I noticed in 2.4 section 2 concerning the housing situation it talks about the Village exploring the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units which I am aware is a hot topic. There are many restrictions in place and I am hoping this does not mean it can become widespread. It is a limited use the Village is considering, correct?"

Planner Franson stated "there will be parameters if the Village Board considers it as part of their housing needs. Details will follow in the near future."

Jacqueline Davis-Norris explained "I have been a resident for twenty-five (25) years and my question concerns the Historical District Zoning."

Planner Franson responded "the recommendation in the Comprehensive Plan is to create an Historical Board and designate local buildings historic. There is more protection for Historical buildings designated locally rather than on the National or State Register. That does not mean that demolition will be stopped however when a community has an Historical Board it will have to go through a review process."

Audience member Vincent Lang questioned "does the owner of a Historical home have the option not to participate?" and Planner Franson replied "there is a Public Hearing process in which a resident could submit their request stating they do not wish their home to be declared historic."

Mr. Lang followed up with "what is the criteria that determines a building is historic?"

Planner Bonnie Franson explained "the home could be fifty (50) years old architecturally. These specifics come from the Law which is set forth by New York State Parks and Preservation. It is based on the model Law that comes from the State of New York then implemented for the Village of Washingtonville."

Mr. Lang asked "out of 5,000 residents what percentage of participation did the Committee receive from residents?"

Ms. Franson indicated "approximately two-hundred (200) – five-hundred (500) people participated. There were many opportunities for people to be involved. A Community Day was held and was open to everyone. Significant outreach took place and flyers were placed in the Washingtonville Senior High School and postcards were mailed to residents."



**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE PLAN  
(CONTINUED):**

Village resident James Casazza stated "I am one of the property owners of what is described in the Plan as Gateway" and proceeded to provide history and background of his time living in Washingtonville.

"Our object on behalf of the other owners and myself is to work with the Village to come up with a Comprehensive Plan for the use of this land which both serves the Village and property owners interest. The current Zones on the property include an R-A (Residential-Agricultural) Zone and MHC (Mobile Home Court) Zone, both of which allow resident use." Mr. Casazza states his views on the Comprehensive Plan and thoughts on communities and building units that have previously been developed. The community is not growing the way it should be. Has there been an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) prepared? Or a State Environmental Quality Review Assessment (SEQRA) Form done for the actions taken by the Comprehensive Plan Committee?"

Planner Franson stated "no. The Comprehensive Plan Committee are only an Advisory Board. The Village Board will be the one to take action."

Mr. Casazza questioned "has there been consultations held on the part of the Comprehensive Committee with Orange County Planning Department?"

Ms. Franson replied, "the County has been sent informally a copy of the Draft Plan but it must be formally done by the Village Board."

Mr. Casazza further questioned "has the Comprehensive Plan Committee contacted any other Planning Agencies such as the Village Planning Board, the local Pattern for Progress organization or any other organizations that have produced input for the Comprehensive Committee?"

Bonnie Franson stated "the membership has individuals who are part of the Planning Board."

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso responded "there are three members of this Committee that are on the Village Planning Board and Zoning Board."

James Casazza explained "the Orange County Legislature has created a Committee as of two (2) weeks ago to look into lack of affordable housing in this County. Has anyone been in contact with this County Committee?"

Bonne Franson stated "if it was only formed two (2) weeks ago then it would be impossible to have contacted them over the past year."

James Casazza explained "two (2) meetings have taken place and I have also met with Deputy Mayor Jacaruso. In 2004 and 2005 there was a proposal for a market value Senior Home (condominium type structure) which would have been fully taxable, no children would add to the School population and maintenance of streets would be done by the development. There was more than enough water however the question of sewer capacity at the time arose since there was an addition to the Village Sewer Plant. I have been working with the Comprehensive Plan Committee for two (2) years now and have been trying to impress that all sides need to be looked at so that it is fair for the property owner who are long term residents of the Village of Washingtonville. In addition, Veteran and affordable housing are listed under Special Exception Use category, not the permitted category." Mr. Casazza continued to explain the steps that would have to be taken and followed for the Special Exception Use, and indicated there is a need for additional commercial areas located in the Village.

Bonnie Franson and James Casazza continue to discuss Zoning and details about special uses, what New York State Laws include and who reviews Zoning Codes.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE PLAN (CONTINUED):**

Mr. William Graber of 18 Washington Boulevard questioned “does your plans for sidewalk cafes include security measures to protect people and community from a car running into the cafe area?”

Planner Bonnie Franson stated “there has to be enough room to allow pedestrians to move around the sidewalk cafe areas.”

Mayor DeVinko explained “the Village Board is presently reviewing modification of the Village Code to ensure there is enough space. The Board is also looking to enhance E.J. McLaughlin Square so the parking lot can be closed as per the request of local businesses to allow different activities to take place.”

**RESOLUTION – CLOSE PROPOSED VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING:**

Committee member George Lanzot made a motion, seconded by Committee member Rick Budakowski and adopted to close the Comprehensive Plan Committee Public Hearing; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Comprehensive Committee. 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**RESOLUTION – RESUMPTION OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:**

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to resume the Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:**

Village resident William Graber of 18 Washington Boulevard stated “ I would like to thank the Village Board, Village Clerk, Department of Public Works and Village Police Department for their attendance at the Village of Washingtonville Menorah Lighting Ceremony.”

Resident Anthony Grice of 11 North Street commented “I am a new resident and do not understand what resume water hauling means”?

Mayor DeVinko explained “the Village of Washingtonville sells water to local businesses that in turn haul the water to different local Municipalities who are in need of water. The water hauler charge for their services so in turn the Village does too. Since the well levels are back at twenty-three (23) feet the Village will resume water hauling efforts.”

Resident William O’Meara of 14 Clinton Drive stated “the fire hydrants on Clinton Drive need to be checked due to low water pressure” and Mayor DeVinko responded “this matter is being addressed by the Department of Public Works.”

Mr. Grice questioned “what is the Village Board doing to increase the Village tax base?” and the Mayor indicated “Mr. Casazza’s farm property is the last open space in the Village. Residents seem to be satisfied with the amount of single-family homes in existence but would like to see more fifty-five (55) plus Senior living. The Village Board’s vision is derived from comments submitted by residents and business owners who attend the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – DISCUSSION:**

**2025 - 2026 DRAFT BUDGET:**

The 2025 - 2026 Village of Washingtonville Draft Budget will be available on the Village Website on Wednesday, January 8.

**2025 – 2026 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:**

The 2025 - 2026 Village of Washingtonville Draft Budget Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

**COMPLETION OF LEAD AND COPPER SURVEY:**

H2O Operations Project Manager Justin Fairbrother reported all Lead and Copper Survey results have been sent to the Orange County – Department of Health (O.C. – D.O.H.).

**VILLAGE HALL AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – TELEPHONE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM:**

Trustee Coleman will collect price quotations regarding the possibility of obtaining a new telephone system for the Village Clerk's Office and Department of Public Works (D.P.W.).

**RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 – “MODIFYING CHAPTER 125 OF THE VILLAGE CODE (PARK HOURS) – EXTEND OPENING HOURS OF L. VERNON ALLEN PARK UNTIL 9:00 P.M. FOR PICKLEBALL PLAY”:**

Mayor DeVinko indicated the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law Number 2 – “Modifying Chapter 125 of the Village Code (Park Hours) – Extend Opening Hours of L. Vernon Allen Park until 9:00 p.m. for Pickleball Play” will be rescheduled until Monday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**WATER HAULING:**

Mayor DeVinko reported on Tuesday, January 7 the Village will resume water hauling from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The fee for hauling water will increase from \$18.50 to \$20.00 per thousand gallons.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BINGO FUNDRAISER:**

The Knights of Columbus located on Hallock Drive will be hosting a Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, January 11, 2025 for a Village family on Clinton Drive who recently lost their home due to fire. Thankfully everyone was safe including their pet. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION – 25 – 0001 – ADOPTION - LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2025 - ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C”:**



The following Resolution was duly offered by Trustee Presser and seconded to wit by Trustee Coleman:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville, New York ("Village Board") duly noticed and held a Public Hearing on January 6, 2025 concerning a Local Law regarding a property tax levy in the Village; and

WHEREAS, during the Public Hearing the Village Board solicited public comment and all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Local Law is to authorize the Village Board to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village, and to further allow the Village Board to adopt a Budget for the fiscal year commencing on March 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully herein.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby adopts a Local Law entitled, "Local Law Number 1 of the Year 2025 Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C" in the form presented to the Village Board.

Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the Minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law book of the Village of Washingtonville, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law by filing the Local Law in the Office of the Secretary of State in the State of New York.

Section 4. The Village Clerk and any other Village officer, employee or consultant as directed by the Mayor shall take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the Adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTENTIONS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Thomas DeVinko	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Deputy Mayor				
Donna Jacaruso	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Trustee Susan Walski	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]
Trustee Steve Presser	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Trustee Vernon Coleman	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted and passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**RESOLUTION – 25 – 0002 - ADOPT BOND RESOLUTION - PURCHASE OF A 2025 POLICE VEHICLE - \$60,000:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve a Bond resolution for the purchase of a 2025 Police Vehicle outfitted at a cost not to exceed \$60,000; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**RESOLUTION – 25 – 0003 - BUDGET TRANSFERS – AMENDMENTS - VILLAGE WARRANTS:**

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize Budget Transfers and Amendments as necessary to affect necessary Transfer of Funds and to pay Village Warrants; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

General Fund           \$31,382.55

Water Fund            \$15,386.48

Sewer fund            \$24,415.68

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

An audience member reported "other Municipalities have received Grant funds from the Federal Government regarding Lead and Copper work."

Vincent Lang of 9 Plymouth Rock Court questioned "what is the status update regarding the Village Police contract?" and Trustee Presser replied "the Village is waiting on language agreement from the Police Union."

Mayor DeVinko added "the Village is waiting for the Union to send a list of open issues so the Board can review the items before the next contract negotiation meeting."

Mr. Lang questioned "how long will it be until the Village Comprehensive Plan is complete so that Village Codes can start being enforced?"

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso explained "when the Committee is finished their discussion tonight and if decided to present the plan to the Village Board there could be a contingency for the Board to consider comments made and if Zoning is included in the plan then the environmental process, long or short form could begin."

Village Attorney Christopher Pavlacka explained "it will be a long form."

Mr. Vincent Lang commented "I mentioned last summer that the Board needs to address the quality of life in the Village of Washingtonville. There are houses with tarps on top of them and garbage everywhere. The Code Enforcement Officer needs to address these problems."

Mayor DeVinko explained "the Code Enforcement Officers have been addressing matters of this nature."

Audience member Vincent Lang indicated "there is garbage and litter throughout the Village for over a week", and the Mayor responded "if it is not being picked up by the refuse company then please call the Town of Blooming Grove who handle this matter."

Vincent Lang stated "the Village should address all issues and be proactive by enforcing Village Codes."

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso reported "the Village signed an Inter-Municipal Agreement (I.M.A.) with the Town of Blooming Grove for Building Inspector services, Fire Inspections and other services which have been conducted and bring in revenue."

Michael Graziano of 3 Lark Street explained "it is the homeowners responsibility to clean up the area in front of your home. It is not a government problem."

**PUBLIC COMMENT – (CONTINUED):**

**Resident Sean Hegarty of 4 Belvoir Drive questioned “was the black marble bench on Ahern Boulevard damaged by the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) and if so is the Village going to repair it. I believe it was hit by a lawnmower.”**

**An audience member stated “there is dog waste all along Ahern Boulevard and a fine should be implemented for people who do not pick up after their dogs.”**

**RESOLUTION 25 – 0004 - ADJOURNMENT:**

**Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to adjourn the Monday, January 6, 2025 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstentions.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN**

**VILLAGE CLERK**