

## *Town Ready to Present Draft of Comprehensive Plan*

Over the course of this year, we have embarked on a mission to update the Town of Pittsford's Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan establishes a clear vision of the kind of place a community wants to be in the future, and provides a course of action to create this shared vision. The plan, created by residents, property owners and business owners, with the assistance of staff and volunteers, serves as a policy guide on how the town develops over time.

The Town of Pittsford has a long history of proactively planning for its future. The foundation of the Town's planning rests on a series of Comprehensive Plans beginning in 1975, updated in 1986 and updated again in 1995. By staying ahead of the curve, the Town has been able to provide a high quality of life for its residents, while meeting their new and evolving needs and aspirations.

The Comprehensive Plan focuses on three main areas: Land Use; Transportation; and Parks, Recreation, Trails and Sidewalks. The draft Comprehensive Plan strives to address three critical questions about these areas:

- How does Pittsford deal with changing development pressures that could alter the character of existing neighborhoods?
- How do we balance the needs of a transportation system without negatively affecting our neighborhoods and village?
- How does Pittsford create a walkable and bikeable community and provide the types of park areas and recreation programs that will meet the future needs of the community?

To date, the Town has facilitated a number of meetings to encourage resident participation and feedback – a kickoff meeting in January, three scoping meetings in February and a preliminary goal and strategies meeting in March. We were thrilled to have valuable input from hundreds of residents.

Now, we are ready to present our draft plan to the public. On Wednesday, June 17, the Town of Pittsford will present a draft of the Comprehensive Plan. We will meet at 7:00pm in the Pittsford Community Library. I urge residents to review the draft on our website – [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org) – and come to the meeting with your comments and suggestions. If you cannot attend, please feel free to review it online and leave your feedback in the designated area.

Your participation has allowed this draft to truly reflect the needs and desires of Pittsford residents. In the end, the plan's success will be reflected in the tangible outcomes that town residents can see and experience. By establishing a clear vision with this plan, the Town of Pittsford will be prepared to meet and proactively shape the future of the town for years to come. It is through our collaborative effort that we will be able to continue to make Pittsford one of America's top places to live and raise a family.