

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE TOWN AND VILLAGE BOARDS
FOR PALMYRA COMPREHENSIVE (MASTER) PLAN**

DECEMBER 2, 2004

***PALMYRA TOWN AND VILLAGE BOARD
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING***

The Palmyra Town and Village Board joint public hearing and meeting, scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at the Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, NY, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Town Supervisor David C. Lyon.

**CALL TO
ORDER AND
WELCOME**

Community residents present at the meeting were:

- Russ Homer 603 State Rt. 21, Palmyra
- Todd J. Pipitone reporter for the *Courier-Journal*
- Tim Wizeman 3505 Vienna Street, Palmyra
- Gary Hopkins 117 Washington St., Palmyra
- Dick Kirchhoff 1200 Rolfe St., Palmyra
- Ron Oates 1057 Stafford Rd., Palmyra
- Celeste Finewood 3770 S. Townline Rd., Palmyra
- John Barden 213 West Main St., Palmyra
- Polly Reeder 213 West Main St., Palmyra
- Gary LaBerge 1743 Maple Avenue, Palmyra
- Cindy Surline 1153 Johnson Rd., Palmyra
- Mike Boesel 214 W. Main St., Palmyra

**HEARING
ATTENDANCE**

He welcomed those in attendance, acknowledged Mayor Vicky Daly, Village Clerk/Treasurer Alicia Lynch and Village Trustees Chris Piccola and Mark Palmer, as well as Town Board members Dave Nussbaumer and Jim Welch, and Town Clerk Lynned Green. He then introduced the presenters, Bill Reemtsen and Barbara Johnston, both from the offices of Stuart I. Brown Associates, Inc., who were instrumental in taking the Palmyra Master Plan of January 19, 1998 and, working with an *ad hoc* group of community citizens, updating it and rearranging it into categories with the sub-headings of: goals, existing conditions, existing plans, studies and programs, issues and opportunities, recommended actions.

**PRESENTA-
TION OF
PALMYRA
COMPREHEN-
SIVE PLAN TO
PUBLIC**

Bill and Barbara made a Power Point presentation which described the document, the different categories: Land Use, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Farmland and Agriculture, Housing and Residential Development, Business and

Industrial Development, Utilities, Transportation, Government and Community Services, and Historic Resources.

At the end of the presentation, Supervisor Lyon thanked them, as well as the Comprehensive Plan Committee (Neil Gates, Lynne Green, Gary LaBerge, Dave Nussbaumer, Jim Welch, Fred Alderman, Mike Boesel, Vicky Daly, Jim Elliott, Dan Pope, Cindy Surline, Joe VanScott, Dave Lyon, and Bob Grier—Zoning Enforcement Officer).

He then opened the hearing to the public for comments.

**HEARING OPEN
TO PUBLIC
FOR
COMMENTS**

John Barden asked "What's next?" Mayor Daly said the proposed plan is a guideline. If new proposals appear, the plan can be amended. Presenter Barbara Johnston noted that in addition to being a guide, each category has recommended actions.

Celeste Finewood asked what the life span of this document is. Supervisor Lyon answered that it is variable. Bill Reemtsen added that this type of document is normally updated every 3 to 5 years. If a community experiences rapid growth, it may be updated more often. By the same token, if there is a slow rate of growth, it may be updated less often.

Mayor Daly interjected that although the plan sets some goals and recommends actions to accomplish those goals, it doesn't lock us in to anything, rather, "it points us in the right direction."

John Barden said he is more interested in the recommended actions and what the village and town can do for support mechanisms. Vicky Daly gave an example of a recommended action: the revitalization of Main Street. She noted the Village Board will take this seriously. On the December 6th agenda for the village board meeting, there will be goals for the coming year.

**HEARING
CLOSED**

Dave Lyon said the town's next step would be to focus on the outdated zoning ordinance which needs updating. He asked if there were any more questions or comments. Hearing none, he declared the hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Daly took this opportunity to inform those present that the next village board meeting will be Monday, December 6, and that meetings are scheduled for the first and third Mondays of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, 144 East Main Street.

Supervisor Lyon also let everyone know that the town board meetings are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month, usually at the Palmyra Town Hall.

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Daly called the village board to order and Supervisor Lyon called the town board to order. Lynne Green read the first resolution on the agenda:

VILLAGE AND TOWN BOARDS CALLED TO ORDER

TOWN OF PALMYRA

A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED PALMYRA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the joint *ad hoc* committee appointed by the Town and Village of Palmyra to prepare a joint Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter "Plan") has completed its work and has submitted a proposed Plan to the Palmyra Town and Village Boards for adoption, and

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town Board determined that the proposed action of adopting the Plan by the Town and Village of Palmyra is a Type I Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town Board determined that the Palmyra Village Board is the only other Involved Agency as defined by SEQR regulations, and

WHEREAS, at its October 28, 2004 meeting, the Palmyra Town Board enacted a resolution to express the Town Board's intent to serve as the Lead Agency for conducting the required environmental review, and

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town Board caused a full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to be prepared for assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts that may result from the adoption of the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town Board notified the Palmyra Village Board and all Interested Agencies as defined by SEQR regulations of its intent to serve as Lead Agency and provided such agencies with copies of the completed full EAF and a Plan summary for review and comment, and

WHEREAS, none of the Interested Agencies provided comments to the Palmyra Town Board within the allotted time period for such comment, and

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Village Board has consented to the Palmyra Town Board serving as the Lead Agency and has accordingly notified the Palmyra Town Board of its consent,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmyra Town Board does hereby declare itself Lead Agency for the purposes of conducting the environmental review of the proposed action of adopting the proposed Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Palmyra Town Board does hereby accept the full EAF prepared on its behalf by Stuart I. Brown Associates, Inc., for assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the proposed Plan, and

RESOL: ISSUE NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR PALMYRA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Palmyra Town Board does hereby determine that the action of adopting the proposed Palmyra Comprehensive Plan will have no significant adverse environmental impacts on the environment and such determination is based on the following:

Compared to the criteria listed in Section 617.7 of the SEQR regulations, all indications are that the proposed action will not cause substantial adverse change in the community character, aesthetics, design, natural features, natural resources including flora and fauna, or other environmental or community resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Palmyra Town Supervisor be and is hereby directed to sign and issue the Negative Declaration form as evidence of the Palmyra Town Board's determination of environmental non-significance.

**TOWN MTN:
APPROVE
NEGATIVE DEC
RESOLUTION**

Town Board member Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to approve the resolution. Board member Jim Welch seconded the motion. Voting provided 3 ayes in favor, with no nays—Councilmen Michael Lambrix and Ken Miller were absent from the hearing and meeting.

Next, Palmyra Village Clerk Alicia Lynch read the second resolution:

**VILLAGE OF PALMYRA
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED PALMYRA COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN**

**RESOLUTION:
VILLAGE TO
ADOPT
PROPOSED
COMPREHEN-
SIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the *ad hoc* committee appointed by the Town and Village of Palmyra to prepare a joint Palmyra Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter "PLAN") has completed its work and has submitted a proposed Plan to the Town and Village Board for Adoption, and

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town Board, serving as the Lead Agency for the environmental review required to be completed before the Plan may be adopted issued a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance at a joint meeting of the Palmyra Town and Village Boards on December 2, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town and Village Boards conducted a joint public hearing on the proposed Plan on December 2, 2004 and all interested persons were provided to with an opportunity to speak on the proposed Plan and to heard by the Palmyra Town and Village Board,

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town and Village Boards discussed and duly considered the comments provided the members of the public during the public hearing and the comments of the members of both boards,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmyra Village Board, with the enactment of this resolution, does hereby adopt the proposed Plan entitled "Palmyra Comprehensive Plan Draft" dated September 2004 as the official Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Palmyra.

Town Clerk Lynne Green noted there were two drafts which were received in the Clerk's office in September. Bill Reemtsen said the plan which is being acted on is the "Revised Draft" (received in the Clerk's office on September 23, 2004).

Trustee Mark Palmer made the motion to approve the resolution. Trustee Chris Piccola seconded the motion. With the mayor also voting, there were 3 ayes, no nays—Trustee Fred Celentano was absent, the fifth seat is vacant until the December 6 village board meeting when Gary Hopkins will begin his first term as trustee.

MTN: VILLAGE APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Next, Supervisor Lyon noted the Town Board resolution to adopt the Comprehensive Plan is the same as the village's except for the substitution of the word "town" in the last paragraph:

**TOWN OF PALMYRA
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED PALMYRA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the *ad hoc* committee appointed by the Town and Village of Palmyra to prepare a joint Palmyra Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter "Plan") has completed its work and has submitted a proposed Plan to the Town and Village Boards for Adoption, and

RESOLUTION: TOWN TO ADOPT PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Palmyra Town Board, serving as the Lead Agency for the environmental review required prior to the adoption of the Plan issued a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance at a joint meeting of the Palmyra Town and Village Boards on December 2, 2004, and

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MTN: TOWN APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Councilman Jim Welch made the motion to approve the Resolution for the Palmyra Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Dave Nussbaumer seconded the motion. With Supervisor Lyon, there were 3 ayes and no nays.

**MTN: ADJOURN
JOINT TOWN/
VILLAGE
MEETING**

At this point, Dave Lyon entertained the motion to adjourn their meeting. Dave Nussbaumer seconded the motion. Voting: 3 ayes. The village also adjourned their meeting. Mayor Daly thanked Bill and Barbara for coming, working with the committee, putting the plan together, and making the presentation during the two public hearings which were needed before adoption by the village and town.

**CALL TO ORDER
FOR SPECIAL
TOWN BOARD
MEETING &
PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

There was a break so the public and presenters could leave, if they chose to do so. At 7:45 p.m., Supervisor Lyon called to order a special town board meeting. He led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call:	Supervisor David Lyon	present
	Councilman David Nussbaumer	present
	Councilman James Welch	present
	Councilman Kenneth Miller	absent
	Councilman Michael Lambrix	absent

**TELECON-
FERENCE
BROADCAST**

1. Informational item: Teleconference broadcast: Information was received at the Town Clerk's office that there is a teleconference broadcast on Monday, December 6, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building, corner of Rt. 88 and Hydesville Rd. in Newark. Topic: Town Boards and Town Clerks working together. Dave Nussbaumer expressed an interest in attending.

2. New Hire for Town Clerk's office: Lynne Green proposed that the Town Clerk's office be given approval to hire Mary Veronica Miller as a town employee, starting immediately. She has been working in the Clerk's office since August 2003, hired by Wayne County in their Workforce Development program. She has learned the procedures of the office, can handle customers by phone and at the counter, and has performed a variety of tasks as the need arose. She officially retired on November 30th. We felt the need to have Veronica available on standby, as a temporary substitute as needed, part time. Her salary would be \$7.50 per hour, with no additional benefits. She has agreed to these terms.

**MTN: HIRE MARY
VERONICA
MILLER TEMP.
PART-TIME
CLERK**

Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to hire Mary Veronica Miller as a temporary, part-time clerk, as needed, at \$7.50 per hour, with no benefits. Jim Welch seconded the motion. Voting: 3 ayes.

At 7:48 p.m., Dave Nussbaumer made the motion to adjourn this special meeting. Jim Welch seconded the motion. Voting: 3 ayes.

**MTN: ADJOURN
SPECIAL
MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndall Ann P. Green
Palmyra Town Clerk

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:30 P.M., AT PALMYRA TOWN HALL