

# **Town of Stanford Master Plan Committee**

## *An Open Government Process*

### **WHO AND WHAT WE ARE:**

In March 2010 the Stanford Town Board formed a Master Plan Committee to revise the Town's Master Plan, which has been in effect since 1980. The work of giving the Town Board a stand-alone new draft Master Plan is the mission of the Master Plan Committee. We currently have 10 members on the Committee.

### **WHEN WE MEET:**

The Committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall and all are welcome to attend.

### **OPEN PROCESS:**

The Committee has configured itself around the principles of open government, insuring that all citizens have access to committee proceedings.

### **HOW WE HAVE DONE THAT:**

At our meetings, the first 15 minutes are "privilege of the floor", such as happens at Town Board meetings. Citizens are given the opportunity to express their views and concerns to the Committee. All of our meetings are audio recorded and CD's are kept on file in our Town Clerk's office for anyone's access. All of our meetings have published agendas and published minutes.

### **FIRST IN THE TOWN:**

The Master Plan Committee is also the first committee in the town to have a dedicated, separate website. Anyone can visit us at: <http://sites.google.com/site/stanfordplan2010>. The website contains vital information about us, such as who we are, contact information, agendas, meeting minutes. However, it also contains vital information about the Town itself: maps of physical & ecological features, maps of water resources, critical habitats, and zoning maps. It contains links to Town census information, parcel access and the Dutchess County website itself. For those interested, it also contains our current RFP for a Planning Consultant. Last ,but definitely not least, it contains all the documentation we are looking at in putting together a new Master Plan for the Town: The Codes Committee's Draft Master Plan Update, the 1980 Master Plan, and the 2002 Master Plan Diagnosis Report, to name a few. All these documents and maps can be easily downloaded from this site.

### **ON GOING UPDATES:**

We are hoping to be able to post information around town as to what we're currently working on and to invite everyone to attend our meetings, read our minutes, listen to our cd's or simply ask us questions. We will be having a Town Hall Meeting in the future and will keep you aware of that well in advance. We heartily invite you to witness our Town's new Master Plan come together during this year!

### **The Master Plan Committee**

Carol Hanlon, *Chair*  
Tom Angell  
Robert R. Butts  
Steve Gotovich  
Gary Lovett

Conrad Levenson  
Spence Hall  
John Royall  
Jan Weido  
Sten Wilson