



MEETING SUMMARY

- PURPOSE:** Public Meeting #2
- DATE/TIME:** May 25, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM
- LOCATION:** Halfmoon Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Halfmoon
- ATTENDEES:** See Attached Sign-in

The Town of Halfmoon, as part of the public engagement component of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update process, held their second public meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Halfmoon Town Hall. The meeting had approximately 25 people in attendance. The meeting began with a welcome by Jeremy Connors, Town Councilman, introducing Jaclyn Hakes and Nora Culhane Friedel (M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.). Followed by a brief overview and update on the comprehensive plan and the introduction to the table discussion. The speed round discussions lasted 10 minutes per topic for a total of 4 rounds. Below are each of the topics and participant remarks from the 4 rounds.

All participants were also encouraged to participate in the ongoing planning process and help spread the word about public engagement opportunities and the ongoing survey.

Topic #1 Transportation & Mobility:

- Attendees expressed a need for more sidewalks that connect the Town.
- Apartments to commercial sites.
- Sidewalks should connect to shopping centers and schools.
 - Sidewalks along Sitterly Rd and Guideboard Rd.
 - Residents were wanting trails and bike lanes separate from roads.
 - Pedestrian paths that connect to residential developments.
 - Residents emphasized that safety should be prioritized for children and seniors.
- Crosswalks were suggested for Guideboard Rd. 235 and Rt. 9.
- To improve traffic along Route 9, attendees recommend traffic calming techniques.

- Traffic circles/Roundabouts
- Lower speed limits and more speed enforcement
- Center turning lanes.
- Possible use of seasonal speedbumps or rubber humps.
- Suggested right lanes only at Rt. 9 intersections.
- Public transportation could along Rt 9 and 146

Topic #2 Economic Growth:

- Attendees suggested that vacant buildings be reused and redeveloped instead of building new buildings.
- Opportunities in roof solar instead of solar farms.
- More retail development.
- Less industrial
- Focus on economic development along State roads.
- Sentiment toward less growth and development
 - “Let [the town] catch up.”
- Preference for something other than strip malls.
 - Attention to access and egress.
 - Service roads/ turning lanes to commercial businesses.
- Less economic incentives
 - More emphasis on direct benefits to the community.
- Tax breaks for local businesses
- Business promotion
- Architecture/ site design guidelines
 - Some exist already but maybe implement more?
- Green space requirements.
- Incentivize farming as economic growth.
- Consider aesthetics as it relates to economic growth.
- Identity of Halfmoon
 - Already known as the “Gateways.”

Topic #3 Neighborhoods & Housing Table:

- Some challenges related to housing are the traffic and accidents.
 - Along Stone Quarry Rd.
- Balance with increased housing needs.
 - Better access with existing neighborhoods

- Shifting from septic to sewer is costly for residents.
- Need to provide sewer.
- Need for more fire hydrants.
 - Fire hydrants near Ushers Rd.
 - Concerns about homes and emergencies and the inability to put out fires.
- Housing growth should consider safety.
- Prioritize the use or reuse of vacant buildings.
- Town needs to “catch up.”
- New residential off County & Town roads, not State
- Attendees voiced their desire for Halfmoon to have its own zip code.
- Coordinate development with the county.
- Need water to existing neighborhoods.
- Built in greenspace.
 - Public access to the internet, playgrounds, and sidewalks.

Topic #4 Recreation & Open Space/ Natural Resources:

- Attendees voiced their desire for buffer/ tree lines alongside new growth.
- Community Gardens
- Long walking and multi-use trails
 - Along Guideboard Rd.
 - Connecting the Town Hall to Park(s).
- Identity of Halfmoon
- Halfmoon is a bi-coastal town to the Hudson and Mohawk River
 - Encourage/ expand opportunities.
- Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
- Expand public resources.
- Community pool (indoor and outdoor)
 - Use geothermal energy to heat the pool.
- Halfmoon has a solar energy identity.
- A YMCA
- More playgrounds and a map of their locations
 - A 5+ age group
 - Smith Rd./ Farm to Market Rd. / Cemetery Rd. as possible locations.
 - In neighborhoods & near apartments.
- Tennis courts; pickle ball
- Town indoor recreation during off seasons.
- Attendees reiterated their desire for Halfmoon’s own zip code.

- Conservation easement programs
 - Partner with Saratoga PLAN

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and input received. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

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