

Appendix A

Community Survey & Results

**Town of Southport Comprehensive Plan
Community Survey**

The Town of Southport is in the process of updating its 1966 Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that will describe the Town’s vision, goals and objectives to guide growth for the next ten or more years. The Comprehensive Plan Committee, a group comprised of Southport residents and business owners, is distributing this survey to gather your input on a wide range of topics as part of the project. Your participation is important to ensure that the Plan reflects the ideas and opinions of Southport residents. During the course of this project throughout 2013, the Committee will provide additional opportunities for you to submit comments on the proposed Plan and its goals.

This survey will take between 5-10 minutes to complete. Please return your completed survey to the Town of Southport, either in person at the Southport Town Clerk’s office or drop box (1139 Pennsylvania Avenue) or by mail with the enclosed postage-paid envelope by **January 31, 2013**. Email the committee at southport2025@gmail.com with additional comments.

1. How important are the following factors in your decision to live in Southport?

[NOTE: The numbers in each box throughout this document show percentages for each response.]

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important
a. Born or raised in Southport	13	11	17	7	52
b. Selection/quality of housing	25	45	22	4	4
c. Affordable housing	31	45	16	4	4
d. Small-town setting	36	41	17	2	4
e. Job opportunity nearby	27	29	20	8	16
f. Family in or near Southport	22	24	20	10	24
g. Natural resources in Town	16	26	31	12	15
h. Quality schools	42	32	11	4	11
i. Town services and amenities	32	41	20	3	4
j. Reasonable taxes	59	29	9	1	1
k. Unable to move/relocate	9	7	19	11	53

2. Which answer best reflects your opinion about life in the Town of Southport?

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. The overall quality of life in the Town of Southport is improving.	14	47	19	16	3
b. Southport’s appearance is better than in other places I have lived or visited.	12	48	19	17	3
c. Southport should investigate the opportunity for shared services with Chemung County or nearby towns.	18	42	20	12	7
d. The Town should relax development standards so that property owners can express individual preferences.	11	28	23	26	12
e. Growth and economic development can co-exist with agriculture in Town.	21	59	13	5	2
f. The Town should work to beautify its public spaces (parks, gateways, etc.)	21	55	18	5	1
g. The Town should tighten development standards to encourage a more attractive appearance.	18	44	23	12	2

3. How important are the following issues in the Town of Southport?

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important
a. Preservation of agricultural land.	28	35	28	6	3
b. Appropriate development only in designated areas.	20	40	29	8	3
c. Need for an identifiable "Town Center:" a higher-density, walkable area with a mix of uses	15	21	30	13	22
d. Need for a wider variety of housing types for young people, seniors and others.	14	29	32	13	11
e. Maintaining our rural, small town character.	36	39	19	3	2
f. Extension of water and sewer to selected areas.	38	27	19	7	8
g. Need for bicycle and pedestrian connections, parks and other amenities to retain and attract new residents.	20	26	29	11	14
h. Improving the performance and efficiency of Town services.	25	44	24	5	2

4. Do you think that additional housing of the following types is needed in Southport?

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Single-family homes	23	44	23	8	2
b. Apartment buildings	5	20	27	29	19
c. Townhomes	5	33	31	21	10
d. Apartments and Condominiums in a new, pedestrian-friendly "Town Center" setting with shops and offices	11	32	24	19	14
e. Accessory/Mother-in-Law apartments (above garages or in backyards)	8	30	38	15	9
f. Senior Housing	25	46	19	6	4

5. How satisfied are you with the following Town facilities and services?

	Extremely satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Extremely dissatisfied
a. General communication/responsiveness	35	50	12	3	1
b. Fire and Emergency Services	68	29	2	1	0
c. Town Road Maintenance	49	37	9	3	2
d. Code Enforcement	25	37	20	9	9
e. Emergency Services	52	41	5	1	1
f. Town Parks/Recreational Areas	31	51	14	3	1
g. Senior Programs	22	49	24	3	2
h. Youth Programs	25	46	21	5	2

6. Please rate the importance of the following recreation and open space issues in the Town.

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important
a. Improving existing outdoor parks and recreation facilities.	21	30	30	10	9
b. Development of additional recreational facilities.	17	17	30	14	23
c. Development of a new community center.	20	14	19	13	32
d. Providing new opportunities for bicycling and walking.	18	22	25	17	18
e. Pursuing land to be reserved for permanent open space.	17	22	28	16	17

7. Do you feel the Town should encourage development of the following land uses?

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Single-family Residential	30	46	18	4	2
b. Multi-family Residential	6	22	28	27	17
c. Mixed-Use (i.e., retail with apartments above)	6	29	33	20	12
d. Light Industrial Business	18	54	18	6	5
e. Heavy Manufacturing	13	28	23	20	16
f. Office	14	48	28	6	4
g. Retail Stores	33	48	11	5	3
h. Permanent Open Space	17	36	35	7	5
i. Agricultural	24	44	26	3	2
j. Mining	7	14	30	20	28

8. Would you support the development of the following types of businesses in Southport?

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Maybe	Probably not	Definitely not
a. Big-box Retail Stores	26	26	22	15	11
b. Locally-owned Retail Stores	52	36	9	2	1
c. More fast food options	22	27	25	17	9
d. Restaurant featuring local food	43	37	15	4	2
e. Industrial Park	14	22	31	20	13
f. Coffee and Tea Shop	33	37	20	8	2
g. Gas/convenience store	19	31	27	17	6
h. Specialty retail (i.e., bike shop, bookstore, toys)	26	38	25	8	3
i. Office Park	14	24	36	17	8
j. Car dealership	8	15	27	31	19
k. Wine/Liquor Store	11	22	28	24	15
l. Grocery Store	27	33	23	11	6
m. Farmers Market	50	35	12	3	1

9. How important are the following land use and development issues in the Town of Southport?

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important
a. Encouraging growth in undeveloped and partially developed areas of the Town.	15	31	36	9	9
b. Development of infrastructure, particularly sewer and water systems.	37	32	19	6	6
c. Modification of zoning to encourage "traditional downtown" development in hamlet areas.	12	24	36	13	15
d. More stringent subdivision and site plan review procedures.	11	27	35	16	10
e. Revision of the 2008 zoning ordinance in response to changing community needs.	11	28	39	14	9
f. Expansion of commercial and industrial zones.	9	21	33	17	19
g. Need for additional recreation facilities.	13	21	26	18	22
h. Preservation of agricultural uses.	25	35	26	10	5
i. New types of housing and residential units.	9	23	34	17	17
j. Potential for natural gas drilling in the Town.	22	16	18	14	30
k. Protection of wetlands and stream corridors	42	32	17	6	3
l. Preservation of agricultural land and farms	40	31	21	6	2
m. Preservation of historic sites	38	34	18	7	3
n. Design standards specifically for industrial facilities	20	31	26	13	14

10. Implementing some aspects of the comprehensive plan may cost the Town additional money. For which of the following actions might you agree to pay an incremental increase in town taxes?

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Maybe	Probably not	Definitely not
a. Conservation of open space or environmentally-sensitive land	14	22	30	19	14
b. Construction of new <u>sidewalks</u> to connect residents to parks, schools, stores, etc.	10	23	27	23	17
c. Construction of <u>trails</u> for recreation and to connect residents to parks, schools, stores, etc.	11	24	26	21	18
d. Streetscape/roadway beautification projects	10	24	34	19	13
e. Parkland acquisition	8	19	30	24	19
f. Development of a new "Town Center" with retail, residential, offices, entertainment uses and sidewalks.	15	20	24	16	24
g. Public funds should not be expended for any of these purposes.	14	11	39	17	19

Respondent Profile

11. In what area of Southport do you live in or near? (choose one).

- a. Broadway/Pennsylvania Avenue area – 23%
- b. Main Street/Cedar Street area – 11%
- c. Maple Avenue area – 15%
- d. Mt. Zoar/Dutch Hill area 12%
- e. Christian Hollow/SR 14/Comfort Hill area – 4%
- f. Hamlet of Pine City – 20%
- g. Webb Mills – 9%
- h. Other - 5%

12. What is your age range? (choose one).

- a. 18-24 – 0%
- b. 25-44 – 10%
- c. 45-54 – 19%
- d. 55-64 – 27%
- e. Over 65 – 45%

13. How many people live in your dwelling? (choose one).

- a. One – 22%
- b. Two – 51%
- c. Three – 13%
- d. Four – 8%
- e. Five – 3%
- f. Six or more – 2%

14. How long have you lived in Southport? (choose one).

- a. Less than one year – 1%
- b. One to five years – 8%
- c. Six to ten years – 8%
- d. Eleven to twenty years – 14%
- e. Over twenty years – 68%

15. Which best describes your living situation? (choose one).

- a. Own and live in single family home – 95%
- b. Own and live in a multi-family home – 2%
- c. Rent a single family home – 0%
- d. Rent apartment in a multi-family home – 0%
- e. Rent apartment in an apt. building – 1%
- f. Other: 1%

16. What is your primary employment status? (choose one).

- a. Employed in the Town of Southport – 7%
- b. Employed elsewhere in Chemung Co. – 29%
- c. Employed outside of Chemung Co. – 7%
- d. Homemaker – 1%
- e. Student – 0%
- f. Unemployed – 1%
- g. Retired – 49%
- h. Other: 2%

17. What is the primary means by which you find out what is happening in Town? (choose one).

- a. Southport Journal (Town newsletter) – 43%
- b. Town website (townofsouthport.com) – 2%
- c. Star-Gazette – 16%
- d. Radio – 1%
- e. Television – 18%
- f. Meetings – 1%
- g. Talking with friends – 16%
- h. Other: n/a

Additional comments would be appreciated. Thank you!

Please return your completed survey to the Town of Southport, in person to the Southport Town Clerk or drop box, or by mail using the enclosed postage-paid envelope by **January 31, 2013**. If you would like to provide additional feedback or would like to participate in small group discussions in the future, please email us at southport2025@gmail.com. Visit the Town website at www.townofsouthport.com for more information about the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for your participation!

We are asking those who are printing the survey from an online source to please submit their contact information so as to prevent duplicate submissions. Thank you in advance!

Name		Phone or email	
Address		Affiliation with town (resident, Business owner, etc.)	

Appendix B

Visual Preference Survey Results

Residential/Neighborhoods: Image 1



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
1	2	0	0	10	20	15	29	25	49

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Residential/Neighborhoods: Image 2



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
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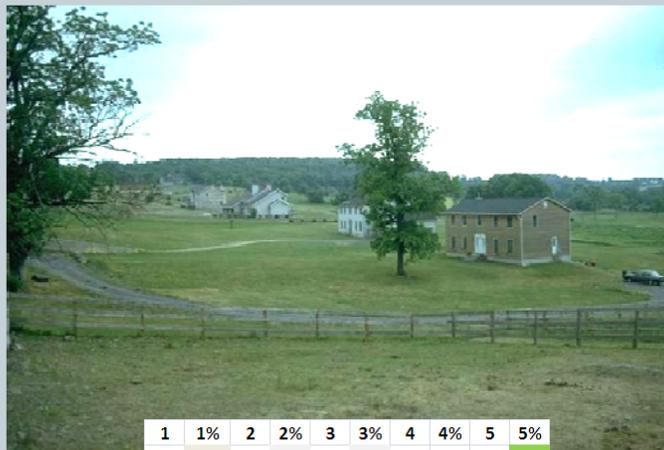
Residential/Neighborhoods: Image 3



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1	2	9	17	10	19	21	40	11	21

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Residential/Neighborhoods: Image 4



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
1	2	2	4	11	21	15	29	23	44

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Residential/Neighborhoods: Image 5



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
10	19	14	27	17	33	7	13	4	8

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Residential/Neighborhoods: Image 6

(Apartment
over garage)



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
9	17	13	25	19	37	8	15	3	6

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Commercial/Retail: Image 7



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1	2	8	15	22	42	10	19	11	21

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Commercial/Retail: Image 8



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
1	2	3	6	11	21	22	42	15	29

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Commercial/Retail: Image 9



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
5	10	11	21	13	25	15	29	8	15

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Commercial/Retail: Image 10



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1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
1	2	0	0	7	13	20	38	24	46

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Commercial/Retail: Image 11



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
10	19	9	17	14	27	9	17	10	19

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Commercial/Retail: Image 12



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
1	2	7	14	22	44	13	26	7	14

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Hamlet: Image 13



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0	0	3	6	11	22	26	52	10	20

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Hamlet: Image 14



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
1	2	6	12	9	17	18	35	18	35

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Hamlet: Image 15



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
3	6	5	10	16	32	16	32	10	20

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Hamlet: Image 16



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
4	8	10	20	21	42	13	26	2	4

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Hamlet: Image 17



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
1	2	3	6	16	31	15	29	17	33

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Hamlet: Image 18



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
3	6	2	4	20	39	17	33	9	18

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Office/Industrial: Image 19



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
0	0	2	4	20	39	14	27	15	29

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Office/Industrial: Image 20



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
2	4	8	15	15	29	13	25	14	27

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Office/Industrial: Image 21



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
0	0	5	9	17	32	15	28	16	30

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Office/Industrial: Image 22



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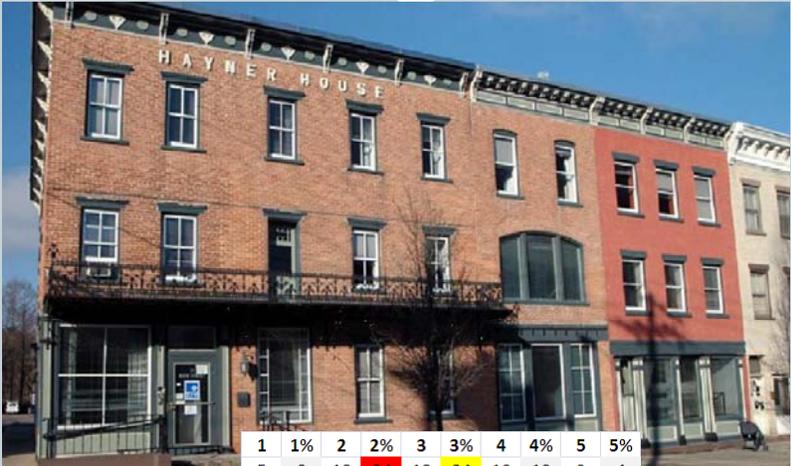
Office/Industrial: Image 23



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Office/Industrial: Image 24



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
5	9	18	34	18	34	10	19	2	4

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Parks/Natural Resources: Image 25



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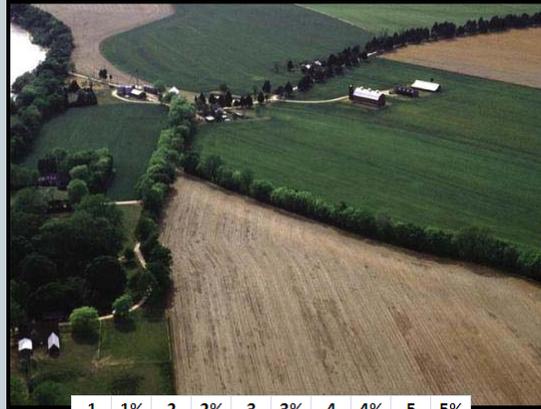
Parks/Natural Resources: Image 26



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Parks/Natural Resources: Image 27



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1	2	2	4	8	16	19	37	21	41

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Parks/Natural Resources: Image 28



1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	4	4%	5	5%
3	6	2	4	14	27	17	33	16	31

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Parks/Natural Resources: Image 29



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1	2	5	9	12	23	21	40	14	26

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Parks/Natural Resources: Image 30



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0	0	5	9	14	26	23	43	11	21

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Bike/Pedestrian: Image 31



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4	8	7	13	9	17	16	30	17	32

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Bike/Pedestrian: Image 32



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0	0	6	11	10	19	14	26	23	43

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Bike/Pedestrian: Image 33



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1	2	2	4	12	23	13	25	24	46

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Bike/Pedestrian: Image 34



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3	6	9	17	20	38	11	21	10	19

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Bike/Pedestrian: Image 35



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1	2	7	13	18	35	13	25	13	25

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Bike/Pedestrian: Image 36



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9	17	6	12	16	31	9	17	12	23

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Southport: Image 37



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0	0	4	8	17	32	14	26	18	34

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Southport: Image 38



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5	9	6	11	12	23	20	38	10	19

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Southport: Image 39



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8	15	9	17	18	34	15	28	3	6

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Southport: Image 40



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8	15	2	4	25	47	12	23	6	11

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Southport: Image 41



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Southport: Image 42



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0	0	1	2	6	11	18	34	28	53

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Appendix C

Focus Group Summary



TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

1139 Pennsylvania Avenue
Elmira, New York

Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Minutes of the Town of Southport Comprehensive Plan focus groups meeting held at the Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, New York on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Michael Stephens
Kathy Szerszen
Dan Williams
Etta Kay Dewey

Others Present: Nicolette Barber, Hunt Engineers Planner
Michelle Murray, Committee Secretary

The first focus group began at 3:00 p.m. Nicolette Barber began the meeting by welcoming the group and asked for their thoughts on the Town's transportation and infrastructure.

Transportation/Infrastructure group consisted of:

Dave Bachman, Town of Southport Highway Superintendent
Andy Avery, Chemung County Public Works
Scott Shaw, Chemung County Planning
Jim Ayer, ECTC
Kent Goben, Southern Tier Bicycle League
Karl Schwesinger, Fagan Engineers
Bill Schrom, Undersheriff Chemung County Sheriff Department
Timothy Alimossy, NYSDOT Planning

The group discussed the transportation safety of the Town, a need for more local retail options, and better transit which is determined by demand and usage. Improvements to add would be sidewalks, bike lanes and signs on Broadway and Pennsylvania Avenue and out through the Pine City area. The exits on route 328 were discussed because of several accidents that have happened. The crime in Southport was patrolled by New York State Police and Chemung County Sheriff. Prime locations for new development in the Town would be on the main corridors such as Cedar Street, South Main and Bulkhead area. A new sewer project was being proposed for the Leland Street to Broadway area to help improve the infrastructure. Parks in the Town were well utilized.

The next focus group, Economic Development began at 4:00 p.m.

Economic Development/Neighborhoods/Real Estate group consisted of:

George Miner-STEG (Southern Tier Economic Growth)
Marc Shepherd-Shepherd's Food Mart
Bill Marks-Realty USA
Dan Hurley-Hurley Farms
Marcia Kimble
Rick Kimble
Jennifer Herrick-Elmira Downtown Development
Kit Gooshaw-Lighthouse Liquors
Bill Gooshaw-Lighthouse Liquors
Lee Doud-Bulkhead Hardware

The group discussed neighborhood issues and opportunities. The old Dixie Barbeque would be a good spot to develop a business since it is the first thing people see coming into the Town of Southport from Pennsylvania on Route 14 or from Route 328. A small retail store with a variety of goods would be appealing to the community. Having a local restaurant was discussed. The types of stores or businesses the Town could attract would be a law or accounting firm or having a leased office space such as the old Pine City Guthrie building on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Challenges that the small business owners have are finding employees and giving people reasons to come to the Town of Southport. Maybe have some type of event to bring people to the community such as a festival. Families find Pine City Elementary School an asset to the community. The tax rate is an asset that would help entice people to move to Southport. There may be a need for condos or town houses.

The neighborhood qualities are the natural resources, the views and the rural areas. The urban areas need to be kept free from blight. Encourage neighbors to help keep their properties cleaned up. Give Code Enforcement more strength to enable them to enforce the codes.

The next focus group, Historic/Agriculture Preservation began at 5:12 p.m.

Historic/Agriculture Preservation group consisted of:

Kelsey Jones-Town Historian
Linda Taft- Historical Society Member
Diana Maher - Historical Society Member
Madelyn Balok - Historical Society Member
Gretchen Ham - Historical Society Member
Lee Kraszewski
Mike Reese – President of the Chemung County Agriculture District

The group discussed goals to protect the Town's natural historic resources, prevent the demolition of historic places, to help maintain the agriculture and scenic resources and preserve the open space. Buying local from a local farmer is important to the community.

There are economic challenges with farming. They also discussed having sites in the town to visit and to view historical items.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Murray
Comprehensive Plan Committee Secretary

cc: Committee Members
Town Supervisor
Town Clerk

Appendix D

Chemung County 239-m Review

**CHEMUNG COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEETING
DISCUSSION/MOTIONS
NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

**B. TOWN OF SOUTHPORT – Review of Proposed Comprehensive Plan –
Town of Southport**

DISCUSSION: Olthof noted that a pdf copy of the Town's proposed amended comprehensive plan had been e-mailed to the Board ahead of our meeting today for members' review. He noted that Southport's original comprehensive plan was enacted in 1967. Although the Town has modified certain aspects of its zoning laws and has recodified its municipal code, it has not undertaken a full blown, comprehensive review of its overall development plan in recent years. They decided early last year to embark upon this. Nicolette Barber of Hunt Engineers has coordinated the Town's effort in cooperation with a comprehensive plan committee. The project has included the conduct of a community survey and a number of meetings with focus groups. On Tuesday night this week the committee conducted its final public hearing on the proposed plan. It will now be presented to the Town Board, which will conduct its own public hearing on the plan prior to final action. Olthof noted that Scott Shaw has participated in the Town committee's review of the proposed plan. Scott Shaw said the Town is trying to enhance community gateways, beautification projects, concept of a town center, walkable town center, and to expand pedestrian and bicycle use opportunities. Olthof said that we believe that the Town's draft plan does a very good job of documenting the Town's available resources, history, development patterns, needs, and opportunities for future growth, and it will enable the Town to more effectively manage development in the years ahead. It incorporates concepts such as aging in place, walkable communities, and the like. Olthof said the draft plan also addresses a number of specific land use issues that have arisen over time like road side stands, surface mining, desired residential densities, and critical infrastructure needs. There is nothing we see in the plan that poses any obvious conflicts with County or State interests. We would recommend endorsement.

P. Collins asked if the public has heard it, to which Scott Shaw answered that there have been no negative comments or statements of opposition to the proposed plan. Olthof said when the Town Board takes it up, they will hold their own public hearing as well. If there are any concerns, additions, or modifications, they will hear those as well. From our vantage point, it is a positive improvement for the Town. If the Town Board adopts the plan, it is expected that the Town will subsequently enact various amendments of its zoning ordinance to reflect the plan's recommendations. The Town also plans to undertake an economic development planning project in 2014. R. Panosian asked where they perceive the "Town Center" to be located, to which Scott Shaw answered that that subject is under discussion. A. Avery said he believed Bulkhead would be developing

more. M. Yunis asked didn't sewers get voted down by Town residents, to which Olthof said yes, in the 1970's. But they have been working over the years to piece by piece put it in where it is economically feasible to do it in bits here and there. There are areas off Maple Avenue that are not sewerred.

R. Panosian asked how are we going to respond to the Town. We don't have any concerns, we have some clerical comments. P. Collins said the future of this if we recommend it, that everything is moving in the right direction, the Town board has to review it, have their own public hearing, and then if they pass it, it is adopted to which Olthof replied yes it would be adopted at that point.

MOTION: Made by Andrew Avery, seconded by Mary Jo Yunis endorsing the Town's effort to produce an updated comprehensive plan. Additional staff comments will be forwarded to the Town in the near future. Members in favor, all; opposed, none. Motion carried.

Appendix E

Comments on Comprehensive Plan



TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

1139 Pennsylvania Avenue • Elmira, New York

Comprehensive Plan Committee Public Hearing

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Minutes of the Town of Southport Comprehensive Plan Committee Public Hearing held at the Southport Fire Department, 1001 Carl Street, Elmira, New York on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Etta Kay Dewey
Jamie Gensel, Co-Chairman
Chris Parsons
Laurie Sweeney
Kathy Szerszen
Dan Williams
Sherry Collins
Tim Steed, Co-Chairman
Dick Keyser
Linda Palmer

Committee Members Absent: Michael Stephens

Others Present: Nicolette Barber, Hunt Engineer Planner
Michelle Murray, Committee Secretary
Joe Roman, Town Board Member

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Nicolette Barber began the meeting with a presentation of the Draft Comprehensive Plan. She then opened it up for public comment.

Fred Collins of 1607 Mt. Zoar Rd, Pine City, NY has lived in the Town of Southport for nearly 70 years and thinks of it as a bedroom community. He questioned if the survey asked about bike lanes. He talked about re-zoning a small town and stepping on toes of people who live near buildings for commercial businesses. Nicolette explained that the plan is to increase density where the infrastructure is. He was not against businesses but felt there is a place for everything and when you change the zones it hurts someone's property.

Deb Dieterle of 1016 Smith Street, Elmira, NY was not in favor of re-zoning. The community does not want businesses built next door to them. She thought the plan was broad. She then talked about the round-a-bouts on Route 328 not being necessary and would be more beneficial at the intersection of Routes 14 and 328. She also felt the sewer would be beneficial for the residents in Southport. She asked if the plan mentioned lanes for scooters or power chairs and access issues.

Marshall Lejedal of 976 Pauline Avenue, Pine City, NY spoke about a Town Center at Broadway and Pennsylvania Avenue and that it being the first thing you see when you enter from Route 14 and Route 328. It would be a prime development site. He also complimented the new Dunkin' Donuts and Champions Restaurant.

Nicolette explained that they are not trying to promote Southport as the next Horseheads. From the survey people wanted local services and restaurants. Work to make the current space in strip malls more inviting to attract the bigger businesses.

Pat Allen of 170 Beckwith Road, Pine City, NY asked about future improvements to the Chapel Park Community Center that would benefit seniors and children. It was mentioned in the plan a need for a larger multi-generational community center. That is something the Town Board would determine. The Comprehensive Plan Committee could present it to the Town Board as a need that has been mentioned by the community.

Charles VanDusen of 1370 Pennsylvania Avenue, Pine City, NY asked if there was a State or Federal mandate for the Comprehensive Plan. Nicolette explained that the State encourages Town's to have a plan in order to get funding.

Comments would be accepted until Wednesday, November 27, 2013 by mail, through the Town website or by email at southport2025@gmail.com.

After no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Murray
Comprehensive Plan Committee Secretary

cc: Committee Members
Town Supervisor
Town Clerk

Pat Allen 170 Beckwith Rd

Please move forward with the
Chapel Park Community Center. It
should be the top priority.