

Town Board Changes to the Planning Board's
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(Changes are in Red.)

Chapter 5: Community Vision and Recommendations: (pp. 35ff)

Section 5.1 GENERAL LAND USE POLICIES

Policy 5.1.A *The Town will work / **should work to protect and enhance the Town's rural and agrarian Character.***

The Town will pursue/**should pursue land use policies** that are aimed at protecting and preserving the Town's current rural and agrarian character. For the purposes of this Comprehensive Plan, this character is defined as the mixture of farms, fields, forests, and scattered buildings that are representative of Barrington's contemporary landscape.

In order to accomplish this, the Town will adopt/**can adopt and enforce** general land use policies and regulations which encourage continued residential, agricultural, commercial and light industrial development that is consistent with (1) the maintenance of the town's rural character; (2) the protection of its scenic vistas, woodlands, wetlands, watersheds, steep slopes and glens; (3) the preservation of open space; (4) the protection of the quality of the water in Keuka and Seneca Lakes; (5) the regulation of development along the Keuka Lake shoreline, (6) the preservation and viability of its farmland and farm-based businesses; (7) the growth and viability of the grape and wine industry; (8) the preservation of its historic landmarks; and (9) the continued vitality of local businesses such as wineries, farm based nurseries and vegetable stands, restaurants, resorts, bed & breakfasts, and other local enterprises.

Policy 5.1.B: *The Town will / **should upgrade its Zoning Law to make it compatible with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.***

Action 1: Following completion of the Comprehensive Plan, the Town Board will constitute/**should constitute** a task force consisting of Town officials and interested citizens to revise and update the Town's Zoning Law. This revision process will ensure that the new Zoning Law accurately and thoroughly reflects the Plan's recommendations as well as recommendations found within *Yates County Looking Ahead: A Planning and Design Guide*, the *Yates County Agricultural Development and Farmland Enhancement Plan*, the *Route 14A Corridor Study*, and other available studies and reports.

The revised zoning regulations will use/ **should use** a variety of standard land use techniques to implement the Plan. Any land use regulations that are adopted are to be enforced to achieve the preservation of the town's character and protecting natural and scenic resources while allowing for appropriate economic growth, sound agricultural practices and agricultural related businesses, including vineyards and wineries.

Action 2: The Town will/**should periodically revise its Zoning** Law to ensure that it remains up-to-date and in accordance with future revised versions of this Comprehensive Plan.

Responsible Parties: Town Board, Town Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Code Enforcement Officer. The Town Board will form this committee and set up its operational

structure; the CEO will provide advice and input when needed/ **the CEO should be closely involved in this process.**

Policy 5.1.C: *The Town will / should support the preservation of working agricultural land in the face of development pressures.*

Action 1: The Town Board will/should continue to follow the Yates County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board's "Model Farm Viability and Neighbor Relation Policy." This law helps protect working agricultural operations and agri-businesses by creating a standardized process that can be used to resolve disputes over the impact of farming operations on nearby lands.

Action 2: The Town Board will/should consider preparing an "Agriculture and Open Space Protection Plan." Grants are now available from NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets to fund such a study. This plan will profile current agricultural conditions in the Town, inventory agricultural resources, and propose a variety of techniques to enhance agricultural and viticultural operations in the Town.

Section 5.2: NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION POLICIES.

Policy 5.2.A: *The Town will/should promote balanced land uses between the protection and preservation of natural resources and public interest in outdoor recreational opportunities.*

Action: The Town will/should support land uses that provide for a desirable mixture of outdoor recreational opportunities, such as hunting, hiking, horse-riding, bird-watching, and cross-country skiing, among others. These recreational opportunities should take advantage of and be sensitive towards the aesthetic and environmental qualities of the Town's natural features and scenic characteristics.

Policy 5.2.B: *The town will support private landowners' efforts to protect unique natural resources on their properties through the use of Conservation Easements./ Instead of selling or giving their land to the Town, private landowners should consider protecting unique natural resources on their properties through Conservation Easements and Critical Environmental Areas.*

Action 1: The Town will support the use of/Interested landowners should consider using "conservation easements" for protecting privately owned lands that include unique and sensitive environmental features such as wetlands, steep slopes, woodlands, scenic vistas, and wildlife habitats. Conservation easements are contracts entered into voluntarily by landowners and a land trust that place restrictions of their (the landowner's) choosing on future uses of a designated piece of land. These restrictions remain in place when ownership of the land changes hands. They provide a practical and effective means of preserving irreplaceable natural features on a voluntary and non-regulatory basis.

Conservation easements allow land to remain in private ownership and contribute to the tax base of the Town, and free the Town from responsibility for safeguarding the land while ensuring that sensitive environmental features are legally protected from development.

Action 2: The Town will/should support private landowners' efforts to have part or all of eligible properties designated a "Critical Environmental Area" (CEA) through the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. Municipal designation of a CEA provides an additional

layer of protection for environmentally sensitive natural resources on a site. A municipality can designate, by resolution, land that it owns as a CEA. It can also support a landowner's efforts to designate private land as a CEA by approving, also by resolution, a proposed CEA. A CEA must be mapped with clearly defined boundaries. Any CEA created by the Town must be filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Policy 5.2.C: *The Town will/ should protect the Keuka Lake waterfront from development that is inconsistent with the lakefront's current residential character.*

Action 1: Through this Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Law, the Town will recognize the sensitivity of waterfront areas as unique environmental and recreational resources and {will] protect / **should work to protect** these areas from environmentally destructive uses and activities. Zoning regulations will encourage new construction in the lakefront area that is designed to blend with and be in harmony with both natural environmental features and the current residential and resort characteristics of this part of the Town.

Action 2: The Town will/**should** ensure lakeshore property owner compliance with the Keuka Lake Uniform Docking and Mooring Law in cooperation with the other municipalities of the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative (KWIC). The Town will/**should work with** the KWIC and the Keuka Lake Association (KLA) to periodically review the performance and uniform enforcement of the Dock and Moorings Law.

Action 3: The Town will/**should** revise and update its zoning regulations to ensure that "keyhole development" proposals are not permitted along the lakeshore.

Policy 5.2.D: *The Town will preserve and protect / should consider preserving and protecting steep slopes (all slopes 15% or greater) through zoning regulations.*

Action: The Town will/**should work to minimize** the impacts of construction activities on steep slopes by regulating new construction and infrastructure development in these areas. Potential developmental impacts include soil erosion and sedimentation, destruction of vegetation, destruction of wildlife habitats, increased runoff rates and slope failure. Steep Slope regulations should be designed to minimize the disturbance or removal of existing vegetation, prevent increased erosion and runoff, maintain established drainage systems, locate buildings and structures where they are least likely to cause slope failures and to retain, as much as possible, the natural character of these areas.

Policy 5.2.E: *The Town will preserve and protect scenic vistas / should consider preserving and protecting scenic vistas through local laws.*

Action: Using local laws such as zoning law, subdivision law, and site plan review law, and where applicable, the SEQRA review process, the Town will /**should work to** protect and preserve areas that have been determined to possess unique visual qualities which are especially worthy of protecting from encroachment resulting from development.

Policy 5.2.F: *The Town will preserve and protect / should consider protecting woodlands on the slopes overlooking Keuka Lake through appropriate zoning regulations.*

Action: In order to ensure that the forested slopes overlooking Keuka Lake remain heavily wooded, the Town will /**should protect** woodlands and measurable tree stands by limiting clear-cutting activities on slopes overlooking Keuka Lake.

This policy is not intended to restrict farmers' ability to clear their land for agricultural operations or homeowners from removing a few trees to open up a view. Properties that are part of the Yates County Agricultural District will *not* be subject to any regulations on clear-cutting practices, and in general farmers wishing to clear their land for agricultural operations should be allowed to do so **without interference from the Town**.

Policy 5.2.G: *The Town will preserve and protect glens/ **should consider preserving and protecting glens, gullies, freshwater wetlands, and other sensitive environmental areas through zoning regulations.***

Action: The Town will enact zoning regulations over development located in sensitive environmental areas/ **The Town should use its land use regulatory authority to ensure that any development located in sensitive environmental areas**, as defined by zoning overlay districts, in the town to maintain open space and to prevent the irreversible loss of natural resources; enhance the safety of residents and property located within areas of special flood hazard; maintain and/or improve surface water quality; preserve wildlife habitats; enhance the aesthetics of site development; and minimize the impacts of development on the environment.

The Town's revised Zoning Law will/**should** include provisions for protecting sensitive environmental areas through the formation of an environmental protection overlay district.

Policy 5.2.H: *The Town will preserve and protect / **should consider preserving and protecting wildlife habitats.***

Action: Removed: The town will enact special regulations over proposed development located in sensitive environmental areas in order to preserve wildlife habitats. / **Substituted: The Town should use its zoning, subdivision, and site plan review laws to help protect sensitive wildlife habitats. As a general policy, the Town should seek to steer new development away from such sensitive natural areas. Through sound subdivision and site plan review procedures, the Town can ensure that any development located in wildlife habitats**

Responsible Parties: Town Board, Town Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Code Enforcement Officer. (**Removed: Barrington Rifle Club**)

Policy 5.2.I: *The Town will / **should coordinate with the Yates County Sheriff's Department on the enforcement of activities and noise levels on Keuka Lake.***

Action: The Town has no ability to enforce noise limits of water-based activities (i.e. there is no municipal police department). However, the Town can work with the Yates County Sheriff's Office and the Keuka Lake Association (KLA) to provide outreach and education to lakeshore property owners and interests (real estate firms, marinas, boat rentals) regarding noise. The Town should work with the KLA and with the Yates County Sheriff's Department and Steuben County Sheriff's Department to develop a policy regarding water-based noise.

Policy 5.2.J: *The Town will include stormwater management regulations within its revised Zoning Law / **The Town will should consider enacting stormwater management regulations***

Replaced: Acton 1: The Town will include stormwater management regulations within its revised Zoning law and will protect the water quality of streams, aquifers, and Keuka Lake by reducing erosion, runoff and pollutants from construction sites.

When revising the Zoning law, the Town will consider adopting the state model Stormwater Management and Erosion Sediment Control as a baseline and install land disturbance thresholds that fit the Town's needs to manage stormwater through existing land use approval processes.

Substituted: Action 1: The Town Board *should consider adopting* a sediment and erosion control law to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff in local water bodies such as Keuka Lake and Big Stream. Integration of New York State's Phase II Stormwater Regulations at the municipal level would greatly assist the Town in controlling erosion and sedimentation from construction activities. To help implement stormwater controls, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of State jointly produced the *Stormwater Management Gap Analysis Workbook for Local Officials* (SWMGAW). This document can be used to compare the language currently present in municipal codes against the model code language that the DOS and DEC believes should be present in order to provide comprehensiveness.

Impervious surfaces such as roofs (building areas), roads, driveways, and parking lots are regulated by the municipality through its zoning laws, subdivision laws, and site plan review processes. Once water runs off of private property, it tends to become the problem of the municipality. Poorly designed or maintained public drainage infrastructure, such as ditches, can cause erosion, which leads to sedimentation of waterways. Not only a significant cause of nonpoint source pollution, sedimentation can increase costs for municipalities in terms of ditch and storm drain cleaning. There are many ways the municipality can improve the construction, operation and maintenance of this drainage infrastructure, which in turn leads to less damage to both private and public (roads, bridges, etc) property and improved water quality in local and regional streams and lakes.

Action 2: The Town should consider integrating stormwater management provisions within its zoning, subdivision, and site plan review regulations.

Policy 5.2.K: *The Town will / should support the provision of public access to the lake.*

Action: The Town is not actively considering the acquisition of lakefront property at this time due to the high cost of land along the lake. However, the acquisition of a small lakefront park via donation or purchase with outside grants should remain a long-term goal of the Town.

Section 5.3 DEMOGRAPHICS AND HOUSING POLICIES.

Policy 5.3.A: *The Town Board will enact / should consider enacting regulations to provide additional oversight over lakefront rental properties.*

Action: The Town will/should form a special task force to research rental property issues and develop appropriate rental property regulations for properties in the Lakefront Residential district. As Barrington, and the Finger Lakes region in general, grows as a destination for tourism and recreation, the proper regulation of rental properties will become increasingly important. The Town will want to /should work to ensure that rental properties remain compatible with neighboring properties with regard to noise, traffic, occupancy levels (human and pet), and garbage and waste-water disposal.

Rental property regulations that are developed and adopted are to be /should be enforced to achieve the goals of preserving the town's character and protecting existing and long-term property owners, while allowing for appropriate tourism development.

Removed:

Policy 5.3.B. The Town will develop a Subdivision law aimed at preserving working agricultural land and open space.

Action 1: The Town will include provisions for "Cluster Development" design concepts in the revised Zoning Code to prevent piecemeal housing development that could mar natural resources such as scenic views, woodlots, and wetlands. In addition, the Town will allow cluster development in open areas that are no longer profitable for vineyards or agricultural that will preserve hillside woodlands and open spaces.

Action 2: The two will revise and update its Site Plan Review process to provide additional oversight to the land subdivision and development process.

Replaced with:

Policy 5.3.B. The Town Board should encourage new housing developments that are aimed at preserving working agricultural land and open spaces.

Action 1: The Town should include provisions for "Cluster Development" design concepts in its revised zoning law. Well designed cluster developments can protect natural resources such as scenic views, mature woodlots, wetlands, and unique wildlife habitats. Cluster development practices encourage builders to realize the maximum development potential of a parcel allowed under the Town's zoning law by increasing the density of new construction in one section of the parcel while leaving other sections as undeveloped open space.

For instance, if a 20 acre tract of land is located in a residential zoning district that requires a one acre minimum lot size, a developer could build about 18 housing units on that tract. Some space would be required for roads and utilities as well as any setback requirements mandated by the Town's zoning. If built, this development would consume the entire 20 acre tract and possibly destroy any natural resources located on it. However, if that developer were to use cluster development techniques as laid out by the municipality, he could build the same 18 units on only ten acres of the 20 acre tract, thus leaving the remaining ten acres as open space and protecting any natural and scenic resources located on those acres

As this example shows, cluster development techniques provide considerable leeway to the Town, developers, builders, and private landowners to balance new development with the need and interest in protecting the community's natural resources. In general, the Town should encourage cluster developments in open areas that are no longer profitable for vineyards or agriculture that will help to preserve hillside woodlands and open spaces

Action 2: The Town should consider revising and updating its Site Plan Review process to provide it with additional oversight to the land subdivision process.

Policy 5.3.C: The Town will include / *should consider including Planned Development District (PDD) regulations as part of its Zoning Law.*

Action: The Town's updated Zoning Law should include revised provisions for Planned Development Districts (PDDs). PDDs can be used as a technique for providing systematic and carefully planned development in rural and agricultural areas of the Town. The *Yates County Looking Ahead* study can be consulted for additional information on the benefits of PDD development in the Town.

Policy 5.3.D: The Town will / *should support the provision of housing options for a broad range of income levels.*

Action: Due to the wide range of income levels in the Town, the Town should work to ensure that a variety of housing opportunities are available for all residents. Through zoning regulations, specifically PDD provisions, the Town can support the development of safe and secure housing for all families by mandating a certain percentage of housing units be set aside for low-income members of the community.

Policy 5.3.E: The Town will / *should periodically consult outside sources for the latest information on rural housing problems and solutions.*

Action: Town boards and staff should, when necessary, review available plans, reports and studies which provide insight into the issues, problems, and solutions regarding housing development in rural communities. Currently available studies include *Yates County Looking Ahead: A Planning and Design Guide* (also known as the "Trancik Report"), the *Yates County Agricultural Development and Farmland Enhancement Plan*, the *Route 14A Corridor Study*.

Policy 5.3.F: The Town will / *should monitor and investigate means of reducing the rising property tax burden faced by all property owners.*

Action: Town officials will/**should** consider techniques for protecting real property owners from rising property tax rates and ensuring that all properties are fairly assessed. The Town should continue to routinely provide information to the public on how it calculates tax rates for all properties.

Section 5.4: HISTORIC PRESERVATION POLICIES

DELETED:

Policy 5.4.A: The town will consider forming either a "Historic Preservation Commission" or supporting the formation of a **non-profit historic preservation** association to work in conjunction with Town boards and staff.

DELETED:

Policy 5.4.B. The Town Historian will prepare and maintain an **inventory** of the Town's historic buildings, structures, and sites. (Including identifying sites deserving special recognition, like the Railroad Bed).

DELETED:

Policy 5.4.C. The Town will maintain all **cemeteries** that can no longer be maintained by private citizens (including development of a cemetery restoration program).

DELETED:

Policy 5.4.D. The Town will support programs aimed at **raising public awareness** of historic preservation issues, specifically the benefits of historic preservation activities. (Edited and kept, see below)

REPLACED WITH::

Policy 5.4.A: *The Town should encourage programs aimed at raising public awareness of the benefits of historic preservation activities.*

Action 1: The Town Historian should develop programs designed to increase public awareness of the town's historic resources, including the display of maps and photographs in the Town Hall, the posting of historically oriented material on the town website, placement of articles in the Town newsletter, and printing and distributing a brochure on the history of the town, including a map of historic buildings and photographs.

DELETED:

Policy 5.4.E. The Town will support homeowners' efforts to **renovate and update their** homes in such a way as to preserve the historic appearance and materials of the house.

DELETED:

Policy 5.4.F. The Town will support private landowners' efforts to maintain and **preserve historic barns** throughout the town

REPLACED WITH:

Policy 5.4.B: *The Town should encourage the preservation of historic homes and barns.*

Action: When requested by private landowners, the Town Historian should provide information about technical data on the restoration and preservation of historic buildings and structures, as well as funding opportunities for such projects.

Section 5.5: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES.

Policy 5.5.A: *The Town will/should investigate ways of improving routine road maintenance activities.*

Action: As a small rural municipality, the routine maintenance of town roads is one of the few services that Barrington provides to its residents. The Town Board **will/should** form a Transportation Task Force consisting of a small group of interested and committed citizens to

work along side Town officials in order to develop policies regarding the long-term plans for unpaved town roads, a policy for private roads and driveways (especially as they relate to erosion, drainage, and emergency access), explore opportunities for cost savings by sharing equipment and resources with neighboring towns or jurisdictions, such as the Yates County Highway Department or NYS DOT.

Policy 5.5.B: *The Town will / **should develop long term policies aimed at improving the conditions of Town roads.***

Action 1: **The Town Board, in conjunction with the Town Highway Superintendent,** will/should continue to develop an annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which should identify and prioritize roads, road segments, and intersections in need of repair and/or replacement. This program should also include minimum technical design standards for the Town's roads, identify needs for additional roads, establish a policy to address maintenance of unpaved roads, and define seasonal roads that do not need maintenance all year, and provide the Town Highway Department with adequate resources to ensure satisfactory road maintenance and ongoing improvements.

Action 2: The Town will/should continue to work closely with NYS DOT at all times, especially when DOT plans improvements to state roadways, in order to gain needed improvements to Town infrastructure such as a bicycle or horse lane on Rt 14. In addition, Town boards and officials should identify and provide specific recommendations to NYS DOT to assist in improving traffic flow and safety on State roads in the Town, especially with regards to horse and bicycle traffic.

Policy 5.5.C: *The Town will/should address road safety concerns.*

Action 1: The Town will/should improve safety conditions for motorized and non-motorized road users through improved transportation infrastructure, services, and educational programs that minimize conflicts between existing and planned land uses.

Action 2: Town officials will/should continue to work with the Yates County Highway Department and NYS DOT to ensure that any plans developed for reconstructing Rt. 14A should, as the Rt. 14A Corridor Study recommends, including provisions for reducing/preventing traffic congestion and the accommodation of normal automobile traffic as well as pedestrians, tour buses, trucks, bicycles, and horse drawn vehicles.

Action 3: The Town will/should work with the Yates County Highway Department and NYS DOT to identify and remedy hazardous intersections and road stretches, including Route 54 and East Lake Road, Route 14A, and along the steep slopes connecting Route 14A to Bath Road and Route 54.

Policy 5.5.D: *Town officials will/should coordinate with Yates County officials on the development of a countywide mass-transit system.*

Action: The Town will/should work with Yates County officials to identify areas of the Town that could support a mass transit stop, park-and-ride parking lot, and pedestrian friendly development. One area that should be assessed for this system is the Route 14A corridor near the northern end of the Town.

Policy 5.5.E: *The Town will/should work with NYS DOT to improve the public parking area on Route 54.*

Action: The Town will /should work with NYS DOT officials to repair and, if possible, expand the public parking area on Route 54 in order to accommodate additional parking spaces.

Policy 5.5.F: *The Town will/should exert greater oversight of public roads.*

Action: The Town will/should legally abandon all roads for which it does not want to take on or continue responsibilities for maintenance.

Section 5.6: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES.

Policy 5.6.A: *It is the intent of the Town of Barrington, and this Comprehensive Plan, to encourage and promote the continued vitality and ongoing development and expansion of small scale, agriculture-based businesses throughout the Town.*

Action 1: Through zoning regulations, the Town will/ should ensure that small scale agriculture and home based businesses such as nurseries, craft and woodworking shops, and farm stands, can operate throughout the Town with minimal regulation and municipal oversight. The Town considers these types of businesses a vital asset to the community because they directly support the continued viability of agricultural operations, provide local employment opportunities, offer goods and services to area residents, and contribute to the community's rural and agrarian character.

Action 2: The Town will/should that proposed large scale commercial and light industrial development is located and designed in such a way as to fit within existing rural land use patterns and preserve the rural/agrarian character of the Town. Revised zoning regulations can use standard land use techniques such as overlay districts, site plan review procedures, and dimensional requirements to accomplish this.

Policy 5.6.B: *The Town will/ should support new commercial development within a designated area of the Rt. 14A corridor. *

Action: The Town will /should focus new large-scale commercial development along Rt. 14A, beginning at the Barrington-Milo town line and running south to the intersection of Rt. 14A with Porters Corners and Bennett Roads. In addition, this "commercial corridor" should include John Green Road from its beginning at Welker Road to Route 230.

Large scale commercial development can be best accommodated in Barrington through the creation of a special zoning overlay district. An overlay district will protect and support commercial enterprises in this designated area while protecting nearby natural resources and preserving the basic agrarian character of the area.

Policy 5.6.C: *The Town will/should work with neighboring municipalities, Yates County departments and affiliated organizations, and non-profit agencies to investigate the potential for establishing alternative energy sources for the Town's businesses and inhabitants.*

Action 1: The Town will/should support resident's efforts to install alternative energy generating sources such as solar panels, windmill water pumps, and other small scale energy production systems on their properties by including provisions for such systems in revised zoning regulations.

Action 2: The Town will/should promote the study and development of alternative energy sources including but not limited to wind power, solar power, hydropower, and the production of biofuels such as ethanol from switchgrass, and biomass so that there are no significant adverse affects on neighboring property owners.

Action 3: The Town will/should ensure that all alternative energy programs and projects have a positive impact on the environment, landowners, and the public.

Action 4: The Town will/should provide balanced and objective data on alternative energy production to the public in order to prevent the spread of incendiary disinformation.

Policy 5.6.D: *The Town will/ should regulate the location of adult-oriented businesses.*

Action: The Town will/should regulate the location of adult-oriented businesses, including but not limited to adult-oriented bookstores and clubs, to maintain contemporary rural standards of health and public safety in part by keeping adult-oriented materials away from children. The Town can accomplish this by including adequate provisions regarding the location of adult-oriented business in its Zoning Code.

Policy 5.6.E: *The Town will/should promote the installation of high speed internet service in homes and businesses.*

Action: The Town will/should promote and support the extension of DSL service throughout the Town. Town officials should work with the Yates County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to identify federal/state/non-profit resources to make available High Speed Internet service throughout the Town

Section 5.7: PUBLIC SERVICES POLICIES.

Policy 5.7.A: *The Town and its various boards, including the Planning Board, will/should generally oppose the construction of public water and/or sewer infrastructure within the Town.*

Action: The Town recognizes that the installation of public water and sewer infrastructure might encourage higher density growth that would irrevocably damage the character of the community. The Town is concerned that the installation of public water and/or sewer service would encourage higher density development and be too expensive for either the Town or private landowners to build and maintain. This policy shall be made known to outside agencies that have a role in the provision of such infrastructure, including but not limited to USDA, NYS DEC, and the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation.

The only exception to this policy will be the possible installation of public sewer infrastructure in the Lakefront Residential District and Commercial Overlay District, as explained below under Policy 5.7.B.

Policy 5.7.B: *The Town will/should support the installation of public water and sewer infrastructure in the Lakefront Residential (LR) district and in the Commercial Overlay District.*

Action 1: The Town will/should coordinate with County and State agencies if/when plans move forward for the installation of public sewer facilities along State Route 54. This coordination effort should ensure that any local concerns about sewer installation are adequately addressed. Public sewer service in this area should be supported because of the positive environmental effects that it should have, including the improvement of water quality in Keuka Lake and the safeguarding of residential properties from possible spills.

Action 2: The Town will/should coordinate with County and State agencies if/when plans move forward for the installation of public water and sewer facilities along State Route 14A. This infrastructure should reinforce the development of commercial enterprises within this overlay district and, if linked to the Village of Dundee, would provide an important backup to the Village's current water supply.

Policy 5.7.C: *The Town will/should enhance the routine enforcement of septic systems serving lakefront properties.*

Action: The Town will/should continue to be a member of and actively support the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative (KWIC) wastewater program and ensure uniform enforcement of the Town's wastewater law in cooperation with the KWIC watershed manager.

This is especially critical in sensitive or higher-density residential areas such as the Keuka Lake shoreline, as well as the areas within and surrounding the Dundee Wellhead District (DWD) and Big Stream.

Policy 5.7.D: *The Town will/should maintain the facilities and equipment required to provide existing, and look to improving levels, of services while ensuring that the size and cost of Town facilities is appropriate to the Town's true needs.*

Action: The Town will/should prepare an inventory of all Town owned real property, facilities and equipment and review this inventory bi-annually in order to periodically assess the long-term space needs of Town Government, encourage the joint use of community facilities to

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Section 5.8: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE POLICIES.

Policy 5.8.A: *The Town will/should consider increasing community use of the Town Hall.*

Action: Town boards and officials will/should investigate ways in which the Town Hall (both building and grounds) could be better used by Town citizens. The Town should continue to host public informational meetings, seminars, and workshops at the Hall.

Policy 5.8.B: *The Town will/should maintain a Town Planning Board consisting of five regular members with two alternates.*

Action: The Town Board will maintain the Town Planning Board membership at five (5) regular members. In addition, the Town Board has appointed two (2) alternate members to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. These alternates will help ensure quorums can be readily met in the event a board member has a conflict of interest regarding an application or matter that is before one of the boards or is unable to attend a meeting.

Policy 5.8.C: *The Town will/should investigate methods of improving and streamlining the code enforcement process.*

Action: The Town Board should continue to have the Code Enforcement Officer submit a monthly report on the status of permit applications, permit issuance, inspections conducted, and other indicators as identified by the Code Enforcement Officer. In addition, this report should afford the CEO an opportunity to comment on aspects of the Zoning Law that, from his perspective, are either working well or need to be improved.

Removed 2 action items here. Annual report by the CEO and bi monthly report to KWIC

Policy 5.8.D: *The Town will/should promote and support training opportunities for members of the Town Board, Town Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals.*

Action: Town staff will/ should track the availability of land use training programs and provide board members with this information so that they may attend training sessions. Board members should continually work to improve and broaden their knowledge of land use planning techniques, especially with regards to rural and agricultural areas.

Policy 5.8.E: *The Town will/should continue to explore options for cooperation, coordination, and potential consolidation with surrounding municipalities.*

Action: In order to improve the delivery of services and use of public tax monies, Town officials and staff will/should periodically discuss with neighboring municipalities the potential for coordinating or consolidation specific services, as well as sharing equipment and staff resources. The Town can partner with other municipalities and public agencies to pursue grant funding for studies through New York State's Shared Municipal Services Initiative (SMSI).

Policy 5.8.F: *The Town will/ should continue to provide outreach/education on taxes for the public.*

Action: The Town will/should continue to educate its citizens on the sources and uses of its revenues. Based on the survey results, it is apparent that many people do not understand the difference between town, school, and county taxes. In addition, many citizens may not know that the Town's discretion in what it can and cannot fund may be limited by outside mandates. This indicates a general lack of public knowledge and understanding regarding the sources and uses of public revenue. This lack of information can be remedied, in part, through a concerted public outreach/education program that might consist of public meetings, workshops, and presentations. The Town already provides some of these services, and so Town officials should consider other means of spreading this information through the community.

Policy 5.8.G: *The Town will/should support and encourage "beautification" efforts by private citizens aimed at improving the appearance of the Town.*

Action 1: The Town will/should continue its active support of "Clean Up Barrington Day." The Town should investigate making this activity a semi-annual event, or possibly moving the date to attract more participants. The Town should look into options for expanding the types of

trash/waste accepted at the Clean Up Day; specifically computers, agricultural chemicals, shop/household chemicals, paints, and derelict cars should all be accepted. By its support of this event, the Town should encourage property owners to take pride in their property and clean them up in order to reflect community spirit and reduce potential contamination by toxic household wastes.

Action 2: The Town will/should continue to enforce the NYS Property Maintenance Law and ensure the current junkyard section of the zoning code is strengthened in the Town's new code.

Action 3: The Town will/should continue its enforcement of neglected properties, with an emphasis on buildings that do not conform to the Building Code and derelict vehicles in excess that are left unattended and are visible from public roads and neighboring properties

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