**Town of Orangetown**

**Public Workshop 1**

**Meeting Minutes**

October 18, 2021

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:**  7:00 PM – 8:05 PM

**Attendees:** Jane Slavin, OBZPAE

Jim Dean, Highway

Eamon Reilly, DEME

Aric Gorton, Parks and Recreation

Richard Pakola, Deputy Town Attorney

Teresa Kenny, Supervisor

Allison Kardon, Assistant to the Supervisor

Nina Peek, AKRF, Inc.

Ashley Ley, AKRF, Inc.

Jason S. Mencher, AKRF, Inc.

Shachi Pandey, MUD Workshop

Reed Vreeland, MUD Workshop

67 Members of the Public

**Introductions**

Teresa Kenny introduced herself and the subject of the meeting, and introduced the members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) and their roles within the Town.

**Presentation**

Ashley Ley began the workshop by introducing herself and the other members of AKRF and MUD Workshop. She laid out the agenda for the evening. She presented the planning process, its steps, and opportunities for engagement. She then presented the existing conditions observed in Orangetown, and the results of the community survey which is open until October 29th.

Shachi Pandey then continued the presentation by introducing the visioning workshop, and the focus areas for visioning; the 6 themes were community facilities, sustainability, land use, housing, transportation and mobility, and other comments. She explained the workshop interface and provided instructions and ground rules.

**Public Participation**

The public engaged in the visioning exercise, and dozens of unique comments were submitted. Some themes raised by participants included: enforcement of regulations and land use management, development of bike lanes, sidewalks, and other pedestrian protections, providing safer access to downtowns, differing views on housing ranging from encouragement of affordable housing to discouragement of all development, maintenance of community facilities and development of new ones, encouraging mixed-use development, discouraging industrial/warehouse development, and preservation, sustainability and climate change concerns.

Shachi Pandey presented the engagement platform tag-a-photo map exercise. She explained the purpose and goals of the map and platform, and how people can use it. The exercise will be open until October 29th.

**Opportunities for Engagement**

Ashley Ley discussed the next public workshops: An in-person workshop on 12/6 and a remote workshop on 12/7. The next CPC work session is 10/27 at 12:30pm, and all CPC work sessions are open to the public. Public hearings will be held in 2022 once a draft plan is completed, providing the opportunity for further public participation.

Teresa Kenny thanked the participants and encouraged future engagement. The meeting ended at 8:05pm.