

**Town of Newcomb Comprehensive Plan
Public Meeting
June 18, 2009**

The following remarks were offered by the public during the June 18th public meeting for the Town's comprehensive plan update:

- Some properties within Town are unsightly and need to be dealt with, particularly along NY 28N.
- The physical layout of the Town is too spread out, there is no central place (i.e., sense of place).
- Not enough people come into Town. Santanoni could be used as a multi-purpose facility with vehicle access and leased to different groups/vendors, comparable to the facilities within Saratoga State Park.
- The historic resources map is missing information that should be included.
- NY 28N needs to be improved to attract new businesses. The area currently has not services, is too spread out, and has unsightly properties.
- The Town's natural resources and landscape are conducive to focused development within the "hamlet."
- There is a great sense of community and too much development may erode that
- The Town needs more jobs and businesses to attract more families, which is the backbone of the town.
- Need to create reasons for people to stop in Town.
- Local marketing is lacking
- The use of cooperatives for services should be explored
- Hard questions need to be discussed/answered (i.e., what is the viable number of students for the school to exist).
- Combing schools programs with other schools is a good idea.
- Summer theater, dance, and music events should be held at NCS to attract other kids throughout the region and beyond.
- Construct and/or improve the information center. Resources need to be better marketed.
- Need to think more "green." Newcomb could become an example for sustainability. Facilities such as the sewage treatment plan could incorporate green technologies, which in turn could be marketed or used for teach and research.
- Marketing Newcomb's "green" attributes should be explored.
- Promote "green" tourism.
- Any new endeavors need the support of the entire community (i.e., arts at NCS).

- NCS would be a great venue for the arts if AC and acoustics were improved.
- We need to continue to provide services for our aging population.
- Explore housing needs for aging population.
- NCS is essential for future growth, its “part of the growth model.”
- Telecommuting presents great opportunities, but the Town needs to improve its broadband services.
- Encourage JK Adams like businesses (i.e., local labor and products).
- Encourage forest based products.
- Encourage telecommuting based research and development jobs.
- Town signage should be improved. There is a need to “brand” Newcomb.
- Market the quality of life and telecommuting opportunities.
- No one big idea is the solution, but rather many small ideas that add up.
- Market and support home based work.
- Promote synergies between NCS community college programs, SUNY ESF, and possible community center. NCS should work with ESF. Bring more long-term students.
- Need to support/attract young so they can help support aging population.
- Currently, SUNY ESF students only stay a shore time at the facilities.
- Attract cyclists and improve biking facilities and/or trails/routes (e.g., cycling events and 28N road improvements).
- Need to market historic resources better and improve signage, particularly for Santanoni and Tahawus.
- Improve marketing at Overlook.
- Hosting events is one thing, but staffing them is another. Need to encourage more involvement.
- Poor choices of the past are haunting the Town today (i.e., removal of power lines to NL site).