

To: Rick Schultz, Town of Monroe
From: Francisco Gomes, Fitzgerald & Halliday Inc.
Date: 12/11/19
Re: Summary of Comments Received at POCD Advisory Committee #1

Comments Received

- The wastewater issue needs to be addressed. There are failing septic systems in the town; the prior POCD recommends the expansion of sewer service in the town, but there has been no progress made since the last plan. Development should be controlled as a means of reducing the need to sewer. The WPCA should be active in the POCD development process.
- The Town needs to improve communication. The town lost a newspaper and news coverage is not reliable (although there were two reporters at the meeting).
- Route 25 and 111 traffic issues need to be addressed.
- Open space and environmental mapping need to be improved to ensure that environmentally sensitive areas are adequately protected.
- Economic development is an important issue that needs to be addressed by the plan
- Town open space and recreation facilities are a priority, the prior plan identified need in this area.
- POCD information and materials should be provided on the Town's website. A list of Advisory Committee members on the webpage is requested.
- Promotion of, and participation in, the survey is important. Hard copies of the survey should be provided in the library, town hall, and senior center and made available for bringing to the food pantry. The survey should be comprehensive and should collect participant demographic information to ensure that it is representative of the entire community.
- There is a desire to conduct the Public Workshop prior to Stakeholder Meetings as a means of promoting the public's attendance of the stakeholder meetings. There is also a desire that the stakeholder meetings be open to the public.
- The plan needs to be focused, actionable, and accountable. The Town has limited resources and the plan should be realistic about what the Town can do.