

**Resolution
of the Town of Canaan
Comprehensive Plan Committee
April 6, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Town Board established the Comprehensive Plan Committee (the “Committee”) to prepare a draft Comprehensive Plan for the Town pursuant to NYS Town Law 272-a; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board appointed a member of the Planning Board to the Comprehensive Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supported this effort with funding that enabled the hiring of planning consultants from Community Planning & Environmental Associates to assist the Committee in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Committee worked from January 2025 through March 2026 to develop a draft plan; and

WHEREAS, the planning process undertaken by the Committee included public engagement (survey, open house/focus groups, feedback at the 2025 Canaan Day, public presentations, and two public hearings), data collection and creation of a GIS data base of maps and information, establishment of a long-term vision and goals, drafting and prioritization of recommended strategies and actions, and creation of a detailed Town profile and inventory of resources; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to NYS Town Law 272-a (November 22, 2025) that was accessible via both at Town Hall and Zoom to allow for the most participation in the hearing process; and

WHEREAS, the Committee referred the draft comprehensive plan to the Columbia County Planning Board for the required 239-m review (December 5, 2025).

WHEREAS, the Committee submitted a draft plan to the Town Board for consideration for adoption (December 8, 2025); and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Planning Board (25-063-Town of Canaan Comprehensive Plan) via Patrice Perry, submitted their decision approving the draft Comprehensive Plan (December 16, 2025) and found no county-wide or intercommunity impact; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed second public hearing was held by the Town Board (December 15, 2025) that was accessible via both at Town Hall and Zoom to allow for the most participation in the hearing process; and

WHEREAS, after the December public hearing, the Town Board asked the Committee to review public comments received and update the draft plan if needed; and

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed all public input received from both November and December 2025 hearings and developed an updated version of the Draft Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held another duly noticed public hearing on March 28, 2026, regarding the updated version of the Comprehensive Plan that was accessible via the Town Hall and Zoom to allow for the most participation in the hearing process; and

WHEREAS, the Committee then evaluated comments from the March 28 hearing, determined that no further changes to the draft Comprehensive Plan were needed, and decided to submit it for consideration by the County for the 239-m review, and the Town Board(April 6, 2026); and

WHEREAS, NY Town Law 272-a requires the Comprehensive Plan Committee to make its final recommendation to the Town Board by resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, pursuant to NYS Town Law 272-a, the Town of Canaan Comprehensive Plan Committee formally submits a full draft of the Town of Canaan Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for its consideration for adoption; and

THAT the Committee recommends the Town Board adopt this Plan pursuant to the procedural requirements of NY Town Law 272-a and 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR) as written so that it can serve as its long-range roadmap and foundation for policy and decision-making for the Town in the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED April 6, 2026, by the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Town of Canaan.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Yes	No
Ashley Garrett	☒ Yes	☐ No
J. Pierre Gontier	☒ Yes	☐ No
Mary Keegan	☒ Yes	☐ No
Monshin Paul Naamon	☒ Yes	☐ No
Thomas Platten	☒ Yes	☐ No
Carrie Whiteman	☒ Yes	☐ No