Penfield has a long history of planning for its future; the first “Master Plan” was prepared in May 1966. Since that time there were updates in 1978, 1990, and 2000.

Now referred to as a “Comprehensive Plan,” its purpose is to provide an overall framework for future public and private investment in our community to include, but not be limited to, our financial, civic, and creative resources.

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan Committee held one of its last meetings this past week; completing a process that began in May of 2008 with a group of twenty very dedicated Town residents, along with several members of the Town staff and our planning consultants.

This plan articulates the vision of the Town and establishes our community’s policies and strategies in order to achieve that vision.

What are the next steps? The plan will be officially turned over to the Town Board within the next 45 days. The Town Board will then hold a public information meeting to hear all residents’ input on the plan. Following that, the Board will incorporate any appropriate changes, modifications, and updates to the plan and accept it as the “roadmap” for the next ten years.

I would like to recognize everyone for their hard work, dedication, and countless number of hours they have spent on this plan. On behalf of the Town Board…thank you!

The Monroe County Supervisors Association meets on a monthly basis to discuss items of common interest, opportunities to partner on projects, and ways to reduce costs of government.

I continue to be impressed with the caliber of individuals leading these communities and their willingness to share information, improve resident satisfaction, and to look for creative ways to provide services with fewer resources.

Some items on the table for discussion are ways to reduce health care costs, sharing of equipment to reduce duplicate purchase of equipment across communities, ways to streamline government policies and red tape, consolidation of services, and energy and environmental improvements.

From time to time, I will update you on the progress of this Association and the improvements that have been made for the good of all the communities.

Lastly, the Town Board is encouraging residents, service organizations, and businesses to become more involved at the board meetings to “spotlight” the good things that are going on in the community.

Penfield is very rich with volunteerism and community spirit, and we want to recognize individuals and organizations for all they do. Please consider attending an upcoming board meeting to share the great things you are doing.

Until next week, be well and be safe.

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