

# **TOWN BOARD MEETING OPENING REMARKS OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT**

June 23, 2021 Town Board Meeting

As part of the Town Board's periodic updates on the status of our comprehensive planning process, I would like to continue to share the progress made since the June 9, 2021 update.

- The Town Planning professionals remain diligently working on sections of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) to be sure all requirements of SEQRA are fully complied with at all times.
- A Planning Professionals Workshop was held via Zoom on June 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The entire Northeast Ramapo Professional Team was present at that Zoom Meeting to provide an update and overview of land use concepts being considered within the Northeast Ramapo Development Plan/DGEIS. There was an opportunity for the public to submit questions in advance to the Professional Team and those questions were addressed as part of the Planning Professionals presentation. The public also had an opportunity to ask questions during this Planning Professional's Workshop and the public in attendance did ask questions. The Professional Team responded to all questions asked.
- Responses to the questions submitted in writing to the Professional Team have been posted to the FAQ section of the project webpage.

In terms of next steps, the Town Planning Professionals will continue to move forward with preparation of the DGEIS to be presented in the immediate future to the Town Board to determine the completeness of the DGEIS for public comment. This is all pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations. The Town Board after determining that the DGEIS is complete for purposes of public review will schedule a Public Hearing for all public comment. A period of time after that Public Hearing will be available for written comments by the public also.

For myself and on behalf of the Town Board, I thank all for their interest and comments and other contributions to this comprehensive planning process. I continue to welcome all to make your questions and comments through the Town's webpage in a timely fashion.