

TOWN BOARD MEETING OPENING REMARKS OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL B. SPECHT

July 28, 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 July 14, 2021 update.

The Town Board has received and is reviewing the full DGEIS and associated DGEIS Appendices. The purpose of this review is not for any Town Board approval of the DGEIS, but only to determine if the DGEIS is complete for purposes of public review and comment.

. When that determination of completeness for public review of the DGEIS is made by the Town Board, the Town Board will set a date for a Public Hearing on the DGEIS. My intention is to have that Public Hearing held in September 2021 with written public comment after the Public Hearing to be accepted as the SEQRA Regulations require.

Promptly after the Town Board determines that the DGEIS is complete for public review and comment, the DGEIS will be made available for public review on the project webpage and hard copies will be made available as the law provides.

So you all know the future sequence of events for our comprehensive planning process, following all public comment both at a Public Hearing and after the written comment period ends, the Town Board after receiving recommendations from our Town Planning Professionals will review and respond to substantive public comments in preparation of a proposed Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS). After further public review and comment on the FGEIS, ultimately a proposed Findings Statement will be prepared in accordance with SEQRA regulations for the Town Board to consider taking action on.

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.