

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

February 10, 2021 Town Board Meeting

As part of the Town Board's periodic updates on progress with our comprehensive planning process, I'd like to share steps taken since the January 27<sup>th</sup> update.

First, the Town Website has been updated with a more user-friendly Northeast Corridor page. That page includes the following information points:

- A tab with materials provided at these Town Board updates
- Documents will be posted from all Town Board meetings. The first posting is the Final SEQRA Scoping document.
- The Envision Ramapo Archive with all previous materials available
- A FAQs tab will be updated as needed moving forward
- Comment tab – the Public can provide direct comments on this page related to the Northeast Ramapo effort. These comments will be circulated to the Town Board.

Second, over the past several months work on the Comprehensive Plan Update of Town-wide Existing Conditions has been continuing. The Town Board and Town Professionals are currently reviewing an internal draft of that document which will be made available to the public as soon as it is complete.

The Town-wide existing conditions document includes the following information:

- Introduction
- Town History / Historic Setting
- Demographic Profile
- Natural Resources / Environment
- Land Use
- Zoning
- Housing
- Open Space

- Parks & Recreation
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Municipal Government Services
- Public Works & Public Services
- Community Services
- Schools: Public & Private
- Transportation
- Community & Economic Development

Lastly, based on information within the draft Town-wide Existing Conditions Update, the Town Board will next be considering potential areas to explore specific to the Northeast corridor related to future growth and land uses.

This concept is to identify areas that may have the greatest opportunity for growth and development (corridors, vacant/underutilized lands, etc) and consider what may be appropriate for those areas to address needs and opportunities in the Northeast Corridor.

Thank you all for your continued interest in this process and for your input.