

A Resolution by the Boards of the Village of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz, meeting jointly, to commence at the earliest opportunity Joint Comprehensive Planning:

Whereas the current comprehensive plan of the Village of New Paltz is now almost 20 years old and it is strongly recommended that a New York State municipality's comprehensive plan be revised and updated every five to ten years; and

Whereas the current comprehensive plan of the VoNP was found to be in need of significant revision by the Master Plan Review Task Force in 2011 (commissioned by the Village Board); and

Whereas the Master Plan Review Task Force also strongly recommended coordinated comprehensive planning by the Village and Town of New Paltz; and

Whereas the current comprehensive plan of the Town of New Paltz has already been found by the Town Board to be in serious need of revision and the process of revision had already commenced in 2012 but has since been delayed; and

Whereas both New York State Village Law and New York State Town Law expressly provide for and even encourage joint comprehensive planning (see note below); and

Whereas the Village Board and the Town Board of New Paltz, meeting jointly on August 15, 2013, determined that joint comprehensive planning is in the best interests of both of these governmental entities;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Village and the Town of New Paltz execute this joint resolution to effect coordinated comprehensive planning beginning in October 2013, and

Be it further resolved that costs incurred to do joint comprehensive planning be equally shared by the Town and the Village of New Paltz, up to a maximum of \$26,000 for each governmental entity to be expended at a rate of \$1000 per week in total during a period of 52 weeks starting when a consulting planner is appointed.

Note: 1998, Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York: General Municipal Law Article 5-G authorizes municipalities to agree to perform any of their existing functions or duties jointly or one for another. General Municipal Law §§119-n(c) and 119-o(1). The Village Law and the Town Law expressly apply the municipal cooperation provisions of Article 5-G to land use planning and authorize municipalities to undertake comprehensive planning and land use regulation jointly or one for the other. Village Law #7-741 (1); Town Law #284 (1).

respectfully submitted:

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