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The Town and Village of Waterford LWRP has been prepared with assistance from a Waterfront Advisory Committee established by Town Supervisor Jack Lawler and Mayor Bert Mahoney in 1999 to initiate and oversee preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Committee membership includes representation from the Town and Village Boards, various waterfront neighborhood residents, and business owners.

The direction for Waterford's LWRP planning effort came from resident input received in the community survey conducted in January 2000 as well as subsequent public meetings. The survey showed that while people are generally satisfied with the Town and Village overall, residents want some level of change. Survey respondents indicated that some growth would help Waterford, providing a stronger tax base and opportunities for young people, but that any growth must be gradual and well-planned.

In subsequent months, the Comprehensive Plan/LWRP Committee conducted several community meetings, including an orientation session, visioning workshop, and goal setting/action plan workshop. At the initial meeting, the Committee described the comprehensive planning process. Key findings from the Inventory and Analysis and survey resulted in specific recommendations from Committee members and residents that have been incorporated into the LWRP. The committee met on an approximately monthly basis to review LWRP drafts, identify key projects, and develop waterfront policies. Waterfront Advisory Committee members included:

Philip J. Brendese	Maureen Palmer
Christopher Callaghan	Ward Patton
Elizabeth Callaghan	Barbara Plummer
Daniel Cerone	Kenneth H. Smith
Wayne Clermont	John J. Lawler, Supervisor
Laurie Marble	J. Bert Mahoney, Mayor

Consultation

The Waterfront Advisory Committee regularly consulted with Town and Village Planning Boards on progress toward completing the LWRP. In addition, the committee sought and received approval of the draft document, local waterfront consistency law, and waterfront overlay district law. The municipalities will consult with additional agencies during the 60 day review process and the SEQR process.