

Resolution No.67/14

Motion by Henke
Seconded by: DeCicco

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Veteran (the “Town”) is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the Town of Veteran Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to Section 272-a of the New York State Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to the provisions of Article 12-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, has duly appointed a Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) to investigate and report to the Town Board on the advisability of the adoption of and the creation of a Town of Veteran Comprehensive Plan (“Comprehensive Plan”); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 272-a of the Town Law, the Planning Commission is required to hold, and did hold, one or more public hearings and such other meetings as it deemed necessary to assure full opportunity for citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 272-a of the Town Law, the Planning Commission is required to recommend, by resolution, the proposed Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of section 272-a of the Town Law, the Town Board received the Comprehensive Plan from the Planning Commission for review and adoption in accordance with section 272-a of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, The Town desired to be proactive in dealing with regional and intermunicipal issues, to protect its resources, and to plan for community and/or service needs; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and its planning consultants undertook a comprehensive study of the historic and existing conditions in the Town and the surrounding vicinity; identified issues and opportunities; analyzed numerous topics and potential options; and developed goals, objectives, policy recommendations and implementation strategies which resulted in the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and its consultants consulted with various boards including, County departments/agencies and officials, surrounding municipalities, business groups, environmental and civic groups, civic leaders as well as various Federal, State and regional organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan is a vision document which identifies the important positive attributes and components which define the Town and which provides a blueprint for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan will provide guidance to decision makers, residents, property owners and organizations; and

WHEREAS, there has been public participation throughout the process, including community planning forums, a public hearing held by the Planning Commission on April 28, 2014, and public hearing by the Town Board on October 16, 2014, a public opinion/resident interviews, newsletters and publication, archival research and review of background documents and review of drafts of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board referred the proposed Comprehensive Plan to the Chemung County Planning Board in accordance with Sections 239-l and m of the General Municipal Law and the County Planning Board responded by means of email dated August 8, 2014, wherein the County Planning Board recommended that the Town Board adopt the Comprehensive Plan after consideration of the County's comments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has issued a Negative Declaration dated September 18, 2014, regarding the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, for the extensive reasoning contained in the full Environmental Assessment Form and Negative Declaration document dated September 18, 2014, and thereby completed the SEQRA review of the proposed action pursuant to the criteria contained in Section 617 of 6 NYCRR,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Veteran Town Board hereby adopts the proposed Comprehensive Plan dated October 16, 2014, as an important planning tool which identifies a wide range of issues, initiatives, studies, projects and programs which can be undertaken by various entities in the short-term and the long-term.

AYES: Blakemore, Henke, DeCicco, Lewis ABSENT: Winkky NAYS: None