

REPORT ON TOWN OF ENOSBURGH & VILLAGE OF ENOSBURGH FALLS MUNICIPAL PLAN REVISION

Over the past eighteen months, the Town of Enosburgh and Village of Enosburgh Falls have been working together to develop a unified Comprehensive Municipal Plan. A joint Planning Commission comprised of both municipalities has been working on merger of the two municipal plans. By state statute, municipalities must prepare and update their municipal plan every five years; the current Town Plan expires on August 19, 2018 and the Village Plan expires on August 13, 2018.

The unified Enosburgh Municipal Plan proposed for adoption is consistent with the 13 goals established in Chapter 117, Section 4302. These goals aim to: maintain the historic settlement pattern of compact village centers separated by rural countryside; provide a strong and diverse economy with rewarding job opportunities; broaden access to educational and vocational training opportunities for people of all ages; provide for safe, convenient, economic, and energy efficient transportation systems; to identify, protect, and preserve important natural and historic resources; to maintain and improve the quality of air, water, wildlife, and land resources; to encourage the efficient use of energy and development of renewable energy resources; to maintain and enhance recreational opportunities; to encourage and strengthen agricultural and forest industries; to provide for the wise and efficient use of natural resources; to ensure the availability of safe and affordable housing; to plan for, finance, and provide an efficient system of public facilities and services; and to ensure the availability of safe and affordable childcare.

The 2013-2014 plan revision focused on the following: unifying the Town and Village municipal plans, reviewing the plan and updating census and other data and information about existing and future conditions; drafting a new chapter focused on the hazard resiliency, reviewing and updating existing policies so that they remain relevant to the community; and adding limited new policies to reflect the community's current vision.

Enosburgh is engaged in a comprehensive planning process that guides the community's decisions for future growth, development, and investment. The Town and Village planning process conform to the State's four planning goals of Chapter 117, Section 4302, which strive for a comprehensive planning process that includes *citizen participation*, the *consideration for the consequences of growth*, and *compatibility with surrounding municipalities*.