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IMPORTANT

Dear Community Member,

The Town of Bethlehem has officially moved into the next phase of our community planning process: the **Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations Update** (“Zoning Update”).

Following the successful adoption of our Comprehensive Plan in 2022, we are updating our local **land use regulations** to ensure they align with the community’s shared vision for the future. Because zoning determines how land can be used and developed, we want to ensure you have the resources to understand how these changes may apply to your property and neighborhood.

“Where can I find information?”

To make the process as transparent as possible, we have made all project materials available through the following channels:

- **ONLINE:** Visit the Town web page townofbethlehem.org/zoning →
- **INTERACTIVE MAPPER:** Use the interactive mapping tool to compare the existing zoning map to the proposed zoning map.
- **IN PERSON:** A large-format printed copy of the draft zoning map and display boards are on display at Town Hall (outside the auditorium).
- **VIDEO:** View recordings of recent Town Board presentations regarding the Zoning Update at townofbethlehem.org/meetings. →



Open "Office Hours"

We recognize that zoning can be complex. We are offering **individualized "Office Hour" sessions** where you can sit down one-on-one with Town Planning staff to ask questions about the proposed update and discuss your specific property and neighborhood. To accommodate busy schedules, sessions will be available during the following times:

- **Morning Sessions:** April 2, 16 & 23 (8:30 - 10:30 am)
- **Afternoon Sessions:** March 30, April 13 & 20 (12:00 - 2:00 pm)
- **Evening Sessions:** March 30, April 13 & 20 (4:00 - 6:00 pm)

Sessions will be held in Town Hall Room 101A or 101B or the Auditorium. **No appointment is necessary**; residents will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Community Meetings

We will be hosting four community meetings around Town. These meetings will begin with an overview of the Zoning Update, followed by an opportunity for residents to speak with Town Planning staff and members of the consulting team, Colliers Engineering & Design.

SCHEDULE

Hamlet Area	Day/Time	Location
Selkirk/ South Bethlehem	April 14 – 6:00 - 8:00 pm	AW Becker Elementary School 1146 US-9W, Selkirk NY
Glenmont	April 15 – 6:30 - 8:30 pm	Glenmont Elementary School 328 US-9W, Glenmont NY
Delmar/ Elsmere*	April 22 – 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Bethlehem Town Hall 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar NY
North Bethlehem/ Slingerlands	April 28 – 6:00 - 8:00 pm	North Bethlehem Firehouse 589 Russell Rd., Albany NY

* Begins immediately following the 6:00 pm Town Board meeting

We are committed to a process that is clear and accessible for every resident. Should you have any questions or wish to schedule an appointment, please contact our Planning Department at (518) 439-4955 ext.1156 or email bethlehemforward@bethlehemny.gov. We look forward to seeing you and discussing the future of our Town.

Sincerely,



David VanLuven
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