Medford Community Visioning Plans for the Future
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Medford, NY, March 8, 2010 - On March 3, 2010, Cameron Engineering & Associates, a firm hired by the Town, gathered input which will guide the future of the community of Medford. Councilwoman Connie Kepert, a former civic leader, has been a lead proponent in community participation with the planning of town projects. During the Medford meeting the Councilwoman thanked all the members of the working group and the whole community for dedicating their time, and effort to make Medford a better place to live. "The recommendations of the community will enhance the lives of everyone who lives in the community," stated Ms. Kepert. "The goal of creating a hamlet center near the railroad station will spur positive economic growth in the community of Medford, a dire need in these difficult economic times," continued Kepert. Councilwoman Kepert was also delighted to see that children and young people have not been forgotten in this plan. "The goals of making our streets safer for all users by enhancing bicycle and pedestrian amenities, and providing additional positive recreational opportunities for our young people will help make Medford a better place for our children and adults alike. I'm sure that the hard work on this plan will enhance the look, feel, and character of the community of Medford," stated Councilwoman Kepert.

"The Medford Vision Update second public meeting was productive and the participants enthusiastic. Residents, business owners, and community group representatives reviewed draft recommendations prepared by the consultant from previous public input (meetings and survey results). Ten groups 10-15 participants each reviewed proposed improvements for each of the "Opportunity Areas' in Medford as well as the 'Focus Area' around the LIRR station. Did the suggestions reflect what stakeholder wishes? Did they conform to the Vision Statement drafted by the Medford Working Group? The groups recorded their comments for inclusion in the consultant's report, due out this spring," commented Cameron Engineering and Associates Senior Environmental Analyst David L. Berg, AICP, LEED AP.

Don Seubert, Vice-President of Medford Tax Payers and Civic Association, has been involved in many community planning projects. "If we can preserve some of the remaining open space and the historic structures, we will better understand our past and provide ourselves a view to our future, in order to make it a desirable community where our grand children can live. The goal of the visioning is to make it desirable for our business people and all residents, and we hope to create a historic center which will create community pride," said Medford Tax Payers and Civic Association Vice-President Don Seubert.

See photo below.

Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Town Clerk Patricia Eddington and Medford resident and Fire Department Chief Michael Barry view a map of the Medford at Medford's Community Visioning meeting.

Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Connie Kepert discusses Visioning plan to the Medford community, along with visioning facilitators Kevin McAndrew and David Berg of Cameron Engineering and Associates.

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