

March 16, 2026

Agenda for Comprehensive Planning Special Board (CPSB) 29th Meeting
6:30-8 pm, Mon 16 Mar 2026 at Jay Community Center and on Go-To-Meeting

Advance material:

- a) Agenda
- b) Demographics of Essex County and Jay Mar 2026
- c) Exec Summary Attracting New Residents to the Adirondacks NFC Feb 2021
- d) Wally's Draft "Tier 1" Recommendations 12 Mar 2026

For Your Reference:

- e) APA Spotlight Presentation Slides v10 13 Mar 2026 (near final version)
- f) Jay Community Profile v3.0 Final 03 09 2026-For Formatting

To Skim:

- g) NYT Article Airbnb A Crisis in the Alps 4 Mar 2026
- h) NYT Article Wyoming New Gilded Age 3 Mar 2026
- i) Attracting New Residents to the Adirondacks NFC Feb 2021

Other references:

- Focal Topics List as of 13 Mar 2025
- Town of Jay Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Outline v4 10_07_2025
- WW note to CPSB re major issues for disc 13 Feb 2026
- WW note to CPSB re project list for disc 13 Feb 2026

1. Open 29th meeting:

- call for additional agenda items and individual comments

2. Updates:

- *Community Spotlight Brief to APA Board:*
 - 10-11am Thu 19 Mar 2026: <https://tinyurl.com/APAMar2026Thu>
 - follow-up meetings with APA planning & technical staffs to be scheduled
 - goals of land delineation and updating planning regs may take new grant
 - also received draft Ausable River Flood Mitigation & Resilience Report
- *Wilmington interest in conducting comprehensive plan update* (Wally)
 - 20 Feb brief of insights to informal group led by Hanna Cromie
- *AVCSD Superintendent brief to Town Board* 12 Mar 2026
 - elementary school to remain open but 6th graders to go to AVCS middle school
 - enrollment declining; substantial budget shortfall
 - Special Education Study, Comprehensive Facility Study concluding
- *Jay Community Profile v 3.0* at AES for formatting (Ann)
- *What we Learned Section* (in drafting) (Ann)

3. Alternative Jay Futures: Money and People (Wally):

- Demographics in Essex County and Jay
- AirBnB Community: NYT article on ski towns in the Alps
- Gilded Age Community: NYT article on Jackson Wyoming
- Master metric for Jay's Future? "Unless we intentionally focus on a strategy that targets younger people, continued negative impacts will become irreversible."

- Northern Forest Center Study, "Attracting New Residents: A Strategy for the Adirondack Park and its Communities" Feb 2021

4. Comprehensive Plan Update Findings & Recommendations:

- Wally's draft "Tier 1" recommendations
- distinguishing & developing "Tier 2" and "Tier 3" findings and recommendations
- request each working group leader to provide Tier 1-3 input by 10 April ("what")
 - organize using overarching themes: 'Managing Growth' 'Enhancing Quality of Life' 'Creating Opportunities' 'Leveraging Resources'
 - input can reflect subject, findings, recommendations and/or alternatives
 - sources of input can include focal topic list, community profile (espec sections 11 & 12), what we've learned inputs, stakeholder reports, all other previous work
 - no need yet to identify pros/cons, implementation steps, action items, milestones or metrics ("how")

5. Community Project List:

- request each working group leader provide items for the community project list
- anticipate NYS consolidated grant application announcement in late April/early May

6. Comp Plan Update Public Rollout process:

- May: plan updates with selective info, e.g., cellular map; income survey; more flood info
- previews: town board members; town counsel; Community Resources/DEC
- notices when "ready" (JCN; other media; post cards; special edition of town newsletter?)
- report availability (websites; community center; libraries; other?)
- education (Exec Summary; postings; descriptions; modules? meetings of opportunity?)
 - Open House #2 (invite key stakeholders/neighborhood community leaders/public at large); welcome feedback
- public hearing #1: CPSB; followed by further editing
- formal and informal reviewers: (legal, County, DEC, APA; others?)
 - includes SEQR
 - followed by edits & final coordination with town board members
- public hearing #2: Town Board; followed by approval with or without changes

7. Brief Updates from Working Group Chairs:

- Economic Development: Adam DeSantis
- Parks and Open Spaces: Olivia Dwyer
- Human Services: Robin Licari
- Planning and Land Use: Matt Gillman
- Climate & Infrastructure: Wally Walters

8. Next Meetings:

- Mon 20 Apr 2026, 6:30-8 pm
- Mon 18 May 2026, 6:30-8 pm

9. Comments and Open Discussion

10. Adjourn