

TOWN OF WORCESTER  
Worcester, Otsego County, New York  
Local Law # 1 of 2001

PLANNING BOARD

Article I. ENACTMENT

The Worcester Town Board, consistent with its powers and authority under Article 16, Section 271 of the Town Law of New York State, hereby enacts this Local Law # 1 of 2001.

Article II. TITLE

This local law shall be known as the Town of Worcester Planning Board Law.

Article III. PURPOSE

The Worcester Town Board has among its responsibilities protection and promotion of the Town's public health, safety and welfare; safeguarding its character and stability; guiding and planning its future growth in the public interest; preserving and enhancing its natural environment, resources and beauty; promoting the economic and aesthetic value of land and buildings; prevention of pollution and assurance of adequate drainage and potable drinking water; and recognition and protection of the Town's historic and cultural heritage.

These goals can be met in part through careful and considerate planning for the Town's future, and through application of appropriate land use measures based upon those plans. The Worcester Planning Board has a fundamental role to assist the Town Board in developing those plans and in applying those measures. This local law provides the framework through which the Planning Board may exercise that role.

Article IV. CONTINUATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Town of Worcester Planning Board created by a resolution of the Worcester Town Board on March 22, 1965 is hereby continued. Those persons currently serving as members of the Planning Board shall continue in office until the end of their terms.

## Article V. POWERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In addition to the powers which it has received under the provisions of resolutions of the Worcester Town Board dated March 22 and May 6, 1966, the Town of Worcester Planning Board is hereby authorized to perform the following functions and duties:

1. with the approval of the Worcester Town Board, to adopt or continue bylaws and rules of procedure, and to hold such meetings or hearings as are necessary and proper for the conduct of its business;
2. to recommend to the Worcester Town Board regulations relating to any subject matter over which the Planning Board has jurisdiction under any state or local law;
3. to receive any matter or class of matters referred to it by the Worcester Town Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, or any other Town official, and submit a report thereon;
4. to review and make recommendations to the Worcester Town Board on a proposed Town comprehensive plan or any amendment thereto. In performing this function, the Planning Board shall have full power and authority to make such investigations, maps, reports and recommendations in connection therewith relating to the planning and development of the Town as it deems desirable;
5. to develop an appropriate land use law for the Town of Worcester, to include land use districts, schedules and maps and provisions for the review and approval of site plans and for the consideration and issuance of special permits; and amendments thereto as the need arises; and to submit that proposed land use law or amendments to the Worcester Town Board, with supporting materials, for its consideration;
6. to develop an appropriate subdivision law for the Town of Worcester, and amendments thereto as the need arises, and to submit that proposed subdivision law or amendments thereto to the Worcester Town Board, with supporting materials, for its consideration;
7. to administer the Town of Worcester Land Use Law and the Town of Worcester Subdivision Law upon their adoption, consistent with its powers under the provisions of those laws;
8. to provide any other advice, recommendation or report to the Worcester Town Board on any matter relevant to its functions, which the Planning Board in its discretion deems to be appropriate;
9. to perform such other studies, investigations or surveys which may be necessary or appropriate to the discharge of its duties; and