GALLATIN COUNTY

MEMO

To: Amsterdam Rural Fire Department
From: Warren Vaughan Planning Department
Date: June 28, 2007
Re: Community Planning Draft Schedule - “Same Page Meeting”

Now that we’ve been written up in the Belgrade News, it appears the Churchill/Amsterdam community planning process is legitimate! After discussion with Walt Sales, I propose the following rough schedule for the next several months. You will need to help fill it in depending on the topics you want to discuss.

At the March 29 Fire Board meeting, most people agreed to wait until November to fully kick off the planning process. In order to get started with a core group of interested people, however, I recommend we hold once-a-month, open education forums. The following topics are probably worth discussion, but please give input on both subjects and dates:

- Fire department and emergency service issues;
- Roads and transportation issues;
- Schools;
- Conservation easements and local agricultural support;
- Sewer and water issues.

As discussed in earlier meetings, the Fire Board has volunteered to host the meetings. If possible, I recommend, taking field trips to facilities such as schools or the sewer plant on evenings those subjects are discussed. If this is a route you are interested in taking, please help fill in the dates on what subjects could be heard when. If there are other topics you’d like to be educated about, please speak up!

I’ve attached the draft of the work program elements I handed out last meeting. The educational forums will go a long way towards fulfilling Phase I; as stated above, Phase II will begin in November.