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Press Release: *Town to Terminate Contractual Agreement with Outside Consultant*

On October 2, 2019, the then Town board awarded an RFP for professional services to AKRF, Inc., Environmental, Planning and Engineering Consultants (AKRF) for the purpose of preparing an update to the Town of Riverhead's Comprehensive Plan. The agreement required AKRF to perform and fulfill certain milestones and objectives over the course of the approximately 18-month long process and although the global COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted public outreach processes, planning staff and Town officials have grown increasingly frustrated with the slow pace of progress and shallow depth of study put forth by AKRF, to date.

In the interest of protecting tax-payer dollars, at the behest of the Planning Director and on the advice of counsel, the Town Board has unanimously agreed to sever the agreement with AKRF and retain the services of a different consultant to complete this critically important process of updating our Comprehensive Plan – our roadmap for the future of the Town of Riverhead.

The Planning Director has begun to engage with reputable firms, who specialize in the Comprehensive Plan process and will soon receive proposals. The Town Board endeavors to move swiftly to select a firm and complete the Comprehensive Plan process.