Town of Smithville Planning Board Meeting Minutes Monday, January 23, 2012

Planning Board Members Present:

Jackie Centerwall, Chairperson, Robert Brooks, Thomas Pollard, Timothy Hanna, Douglas Garner

Jacob E. Owens, Acting Secretary

Roger Monaco, Attorney on Behalf of Richard Ridgway, Lyon Subdivision

Alison B. Owens, Town Clerk

J. Centerwall, Chairperson simultaneously called to order the Planning Board meeting and the Proposed Lyon Subdivision Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

After a moment's pause, Robert Brooks motioned to close the public hearing considering that no unexpected town members were present. After being seconded, the Planning Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

A motion was made to place a negative declaration on the SEQR application. After being seconded, the Planning Board unanimously approved the negative declaration.

Further discussion was put before the board regarding Sect. 503, Sub. 3, of the Town of Smithville Subdivision Law which stipulates that the road border to acre ratio for a lot parcel should be 1:3. It was decided to waive the subdivision lot ratio due to the shape of the property and the fact that South Tyner Road runs through the two lots and this would not be in the best interest of the Town.

A motion was made to accept the Lyon Subdivision; motion was seconded; Planning Board unanimously approved the Lyon Subdivision.

Roger Monaco provided a check for the \$600 recreation fee to Alison Owens according to Section 506 of the Town of Smithville Subdivision Regulations.

After spending a few minutes reading the last meeting's minutes, the Planning Board voted 4-0 in favor of the minutes' approval. There was one abstention as Tom Pollard is new to the Planning Board as of January 2012.

- *Planning Board discussed the Comprehensive Plan. Tim Hanna has completed the edits listed in previous meeting minutes. It was agreed Planning Board members would access Comprehensive Plan and review in preparation of discussing at the next meeting to formally present to the Town Board at the March Town Board Meeting.
- *Discussed the need to gather current information regarding issues of interest to the Town, and the use of the online tool Survey Monkey as well as an alternative method (paper) or to conduct focus groups.
- *There was a discussion about the practice of hydrofracking looming over New York State and concerns of Town citizens (pro & con).
- *The Planning Board then discussed meeting times and days. They resolved to tentatively meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm. They felt that meeting before the monthly Town Board Meetings would be advantageous for reporting.

The Planning Board adjourned the meeting unanimously at 8:11pm after successful motion and

second.

These I certify to be the official minutes from the meeting,



Jacob E. Owens

Research Aide at the State University of New York at Binghamton and acting scribe for the evening