

Town of Smithville

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 13th, 2012

7:09PM

Planning Board Members: Chairperson Jackie Centerwall, Tom Pollard, Doug Garnar, Tim Hanna, and Robert Brooks. Dylan Huff – Planning Board Clerk.

In Attendance: Chairperson Jackie Centerwall, Doug Garnar, Tom Pollard, and Tim Hanna.

Absent/Excused: Robert Brooks.

Chairperson Jackie Centerwall called the August Planning Board Meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

1 – Review of Minutes from July 9th, 2012 Planning Board Meeting. Motion to approve made by Doug Garnar, 2nd by Tom Pollard. Vote unanimous.

2 – Comprehensive Plan

- Comprehensive Plan has been presented to the Town Board. Town Board may defer to Planning Board in Public Hearing. Protocol? Town Board may have their own protocol, others may be signing in to make comment, or applying to make comment. Not exactly discussion, just statements. Limited to town residents (should be made known). Produce overview of expectations and rules for those in attendance. Proper presentation, (no ranting). Voters should have automatic entitlement. Property owners who don't actually reside in Smithville should be allowed to speak(?) Make sure Supervisor Heisler has rules.
- Other preparation? Publicize/distribute list/letter of physical locations where the Comprehensive Plan is on display? Publicize in Village Paper and Chenango American?
- Has Alron been removed from Comprehensive Plan as an Employer?
- The Public Hearing is on Tuesday September 11th at 6:30PM.

3 – New Business

- Have discussed with Supervisor Heisler regarding February 2012 items; not really the Planning Board's responsibility. We are willing to provide support, but initially such items are not the Town Planning Board's responsibility.
- Noise Law and Road use law – Suggested by Supervisor Heisler as a priority; still need to locate template from Chenango County. Have copy of Windsor Noise Law which could be helpful.
- Town Barn – Also to make a priority. 11 acre property? 11 acre property could be used to make apartments, ADA handicap accessible. Could be made into senior housing. Need to

research thoroughly. Transportation and support would pose a problem for senior housing. Maybe we could work with the chamber of commerce to provide solutions for such problems.

- Improve Cell-Phone service?
- Tower on tower road is no longer in use, but the town is required to maintain a light on top for safety. Previous owners did not tear it down, as there was no such provision in local law.

4 – Old Business

- Site Plan Review law update; still working on it.
- Correspondence has resulted in information from Chemung county concerning a solution to gas drilling problem. Farm Bureau.
- Is there a benefit to the Planning Board having a contact with the Chamber of Commerce? Is the Chamber of Commerce connected to the Economic Development department of the County? Doug Garnar will investigate.
- Report of on-site tour with gas drilling company which uses “hydro-fracking” methods.

5 – Motion to adjourn

- Motion made by Doug Garnar, 2nd by Tim Hanna. Vote Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dylan Huff – Planning Board Clerk