

MINUTES OF THE 421<sup>st</sup> MEETING  
OTSEGO COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Meadows Office Building  
Cooperstown, NY

March 1, 2007  
6:00 P.M.

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1. The regular meeting of the Otsego County Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Pritchard at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Meadows Office Building near Cooperstown.

2. Roll Call

a. Instead of an official roll call T. Pritchard asked members and guest to introduce themselves. Members present were J. Ahern, T. Clarke, B. Dixon, D. Gohde, W. Mitteager , T. Pritchard and R. Streek. Also present were Karen Sullivan – staff; guest Robert Augenstern, Director, Southern Tier East Regional Planning, and Development Board (STERPDB); County Representative Phil Durkin and arriving later, Jeff House, City of Oneonta Downtown Developer. R. Walker was excused from the meeting. T. Pritchard proceeded to item ii on the agenda, since Jeff House had not arrived.

ii. Robert Augenstern, Director, STERPDB distributed a brochure and annual report to the members of the board, with a briefing of the New York State Association of Regional Council and the services and resources STERPDB can provide to participating counties.

i. Jeff House, City of Oneonta Downtown Developer and interested candidate to the county planning board, briefed the board members on his experience and interest in participating as a member of the county planning board.

3. Reading of the minutes.

a. Upon a motion by B. Dixon , seconded by R. Streek, and unanimously approved (7-0-0 vote), the board waived the reading of the minutes of February 1, 2007 and accepted them as presented.

4. There were no communications to report.

5. Report of Committees

a. The following members of the county planning board were appointed for the year 2007-2008.  
Nominating Committee - Joanna Ahern and Tom Clarke  
Regional Liaison - Terry Bliss (Ben Dixon as an alternate)  
Legislative Liaison Tom Pritchard (Ron Streek as an alternate)

6. Old Business

a. Upon a motion by B. Dixon, seconded by T. Clarke and unanimously approved (7-0-0 vote), the board agreed to delay discussion on the County Alternative Energy Policy, due to pending storm.  
b. No other old business brought before the board.

7. New Business

a. Presentation by Robert Augenstern previously addressed under item 2a on agenda.  
b. B. Dixon suggested we utilize this agenda item to ask questions of the two candidates later in the evening and to proceed with the referrals. Board agreed.

8. Referrals

8a. Referrals with No Identified County Impacts

i. Karen Sullivan presented referral # 20-07-01 from the City of Oneonta Council for a proposed update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Upon a motion by J. Ahern, seconded by R. Streek, and unanimously approved (7-0-0 vote), the board found no countywide impacts and to remanded the application to the City for decision.

8b. Referrals with Potential County Impacts

i. Karen Sullivan presented referral # 21-07-02 from the Oneonta Town Planning Board for an application by Christa Development for approval of a site plan and subdivision for a multi-level care facility known as Parish Homestead Retirement Community located on NYS Route 7. Following further discussion and a motion by B. Dixon, seconded by R. Streek and unanimously approved (7-0-0) vote, the board found no countywide impacts and to remand the application to the Town for decision.

7b. With no further referrals, the board agreed to return to item 7b on the agenda. Phil Durkin and Jeff House briefed the board on their interest in becoming a member of the County Planning board. B. Dixon then asked for an executive session in order to discuss the appointment further. All agreed. Following executive session and upon a motion by B. Dixon, seconded by Joanna Ahern, the motion to recommend Jeff House as the new county planning board member passed by a vote of 6-0-1, with T. Clarke abstaining.

10. Upon a motion by B. Dixon, seconded by Joanna Ahern and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sullivan  
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