

MINUTES OF THE 423rd MEETING
OTSEGO COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Meadows Office Building
Cooperstown, NY

May 3, 2007
6:00 P.M.

1. The regular meeting of the Otsego County Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Pritchard at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Meadows Office Building near Cooperstown.

2. Roll Call

a. Members present were R. Walker, T. Clarke, J. Ahern, W. Mitteager, and T. Pritchard. R. Streek joined the meeting after introductions. Excused, B. Dixon, and absent, D. Ghode.

Also present were Terry Bliss, Psalm Wyckoff and Karen Sullivan– staff and several guests.

3. Reading of the minutes.

a. Upon a motion by Tom Clarke, seconded by Joanna Ahern, and unanimously approved (6-0 vote), the board waived the reading of the minutes of April 5, 2007 and accepted as is.

4a Terry Bliss presented a letter from Flo Loomis, from the Town of New Lisbon, stating her interest in filling the vacancy on the County Planning Board. A second letter of interest from Marcia Membrino from the Town of Milford was presented to the board. Terry Bliss stated that the county's IGA committee will recommend the addition of one or two seats on the CPB. The committee still supports a liaison from the county board of representatives to the CPB to fill one of the new seats. The addition of seats to the CPB will require an amendment of the bylaws by the CPB and approval by the county board of representatives. The board decided to invite both candidates to the next meeting before making a decision on the vacancy.

5. There were no reports from the committees.

6a. A presentation on wind turbines was given by Andy Minnig representing the Advocates for Cherry Valley. Mr. Minnig stressed the importance of the proposed revision of Article 10 before the State legislators, and its impact on Home Rule if passed. Mr. Minnig shared statistical data in regards to the rate of efficiency and certain health concerns associated with wind turbines. He mentioned that the use of micro turbines may be the solution for Cherry Valley. After the presentation, the floor was opened for discussion. Following discussion, the board thanked Mr. Minnig for his presentation.

6b. No other old business was brought before the board.

7a. Terry Bliss reminded the board of the local training sessions that are scheduled for May 22, May 30 and June 4. Notices were mailed.

7b. No other new business was brought before the board.

8. Referrals

8a. Referral with No Identified County Impacts.

i. Referral # 03-07-01, The Town of Cherry Valley Comprehensive Plan was presented to the board. Following further discussion and input from Cherry Valley residents at the meeting a motion was made by R. Streek, seconded by W. Mitteager, and unanimously approved (6-0 vote) to acknowledge appreciation to the members of the comprehensive plan committee, to state a finding of no countywide impact and to remand the application to the Town for decision.

The following referrals were not on the original agenda.

ii. Referral # 05-07-01, for a special use permit to construct a single family residence on Lakeview Drive in the Village of Cooperstown was presented to the board by Architect Ned Walker, representing James and Stephanie Patrick. Following further discussion, upon a motion by Ron Streek, seconded by Tom Clarke and unanimously approved (6-0 vote), the board found no countywide impact and remanded the application to the Village for decision.

iii. Referral # 05-07-02, for a special permit for a home occupation at 79 Main Street in the Village of Cooperstown, by applicant Karen Katz.. Upon a motion by J. Ahern seconded by W. Mitteager and unanimously approved (6-0 vote), the board found no county wide impact and remanded the application to the Village for decision. Karen Sullivan mentioned to the board, in speaking with Susan Snell of the Village ZBA board, that we may want to revisit the Village's 239 agreement, which now requires review when only one new parking space is created, to possibly 3 new spaces being created. The board agreed that a meeting to discuss this approach should be set between the Planning Department and the Village.

iv. Referral # 05-07-03, for an area variance to property located on 277 Main Street in the Village of Cooperstown by applicant Ellen Spencer. Upon a motion by W. Mitteager seconded by J. Ahern and unanimously approved (6-0-0 vote), the board found no county wide impact and remanded the application to the Village for decision.

9. Report from the County Planning Director

Terry Bliss introduced new planner Psalm Wyckoff to the board.

10. The meeting was adjourned 8:30 pm.

a. Next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sullivan
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