

MINUTES OF THE 448th MEETING
OTSEGO COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Meadows Office Building
Middlefield, NY

August 10, 2009
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Streek at 6:03 pm.

2. Introduction and roll call were taken.

The following members were recorded as present: Ron Streek, Betty Anne Schwerd, Jeff House, Dave Parker Tom Clarke and Flo Loomis. Phil Durkin arrived at 6:10 pm. Scott Fickbohm, Mark Babilonia were excused.

Also present were Terry Bliss and Karen Sullivan – staff.

Guests included: Jim Simpson, Butternuts and Bill Elsey, Springfield Town Board.

3. Privilege of the Floor:

None were requested.

4. Minutes of July 13, 2009.

4a. Upon a motion by R. Streek seconded by J. House, and unanimously approved (6-0 vote), the board adopted the minutes of July 13, 2009.

5. Report of Communications – none were received.

6. Referrals

6a. K. Sullivan presented referral # 30-09-01 from the Springfield Town Board for the adoption of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. A summary with comments was prepared by K. Sullivan and distributed to the board members prior to the meeting. Discussion continued with the survey process and the response rate. Town Board representative Bill Elsey reported there were 700 more or less surveys distributed with approximately 300 returned. D. Parker's concern was whether or not the survey questions and the return rate represent the document as presented. B. Elsey said the survey questions were developed through a cooperative effort of the committee and the Town's consultant Nan Stolzenburg, ACIP. Upon a motion by J. House, seconded by T. Clarke, and unanimously approved (7-0 vote), the board approved the adoption of the Town of Springfield Comprehensive Plan with a non-contingent recommendation to consider the inclusion of comments as stated in the prepared summary.

6b. K. Sullivan presented an update to referral # 23-09-03, submitted at the July 13th meeting which was postponed pending comments from the Village of Otego's public hearing. K. Sullivan informed the board she contacted Code Enforcement Officer, Bruno Bruni, who said Mr. Brower did not attend the last Village meeting therefore no action was taken. Mr. Bruni understands Mr. Brower is in the process of hiring an engineer and is confident the Village will not approve the special use permit unless Mr. Brower is able to correct all code violations. R. Streek asked the board to consider if the project represented a county wide impact. Upon a motion by J. House, seconded by D. Parker, and unanimously approved (7-0 vote), the board approved the application.

7. Report of Committees – none were received.

8. Old Business

8a. Business brought by members – none was received.

9. New Business

9a. T. Bliss informed the board the meetings will remain the same. The planning department received approval from IGA to flex hours on days the planning board will meet in order to eliminate over time.

9b. Other business brought by members – none was received.

10. Report from County Planning Director

T. Bliss summarized the various stages of projects the department is currently involved in.

Housing - The housing study will be completed by the end of August and a presentation is scheduled for the September 2nd board meeting.

Gas Drilling - The department is working with public works to finalize road standards to address concerns with transportation and the impact from gas drilling. T. Bliss is working with the Audrey Lewis from the Department of Health and faculty from both Oneonta and Hartwick College to address water quality and the impact from gas drilling.

Household Hazardous Waste Day - There are uncertainties in regards to funding. T. Bliss will be meeting with the Solid Waste and Environmental Concerns Committee on Friday, August 14th to discuss options. There is the possibility the date may be moved to the month of October.

Solid Waste Management – A great deal is happening with solid waste. A presentation of the status of the solid waste report will be presented at the County Board meeting September 2nd.

Telecommunication – The County is currently installing the interoperable fiber line from the Meadows Office complex to the County Office. The department is also involved with the telecommunication funding received from Senator Arcuri's office and is assisting with the grant application process.

Energy – T. Bliss and other County representatives will be meeting with Nathan Anctil, from the NYPA (NYS Power Authority) on Wednesday, August 19th to discuss refinement of plans for energy efficiency measures at the Meadows.

Budget 2010 – T. Bliss will be presenting the planning department's 2010 budget to IGA committee on Tuesday, August 11th and the solid waste department's 2010 budget to the Solid Waste and Environmental Concerns Committee on August 14, 2009.

T. Bliss mentioned the majority of work in our department is county-wide and not as much assistance to local municipalities as in earlier years.

11. Upon a motion by R. Streek, seconded by J. House, and unanimously approved (7-0 vote) the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th 2009 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sullivan, Sr. Planner

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