

TOWN OF SCHUYLER PLANNING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES –APRIL 7, 2010

Chairman Paul Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Conference Room of the Schuyler Town Offices, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY. Other Planning Board members present were Vice Chair Donna Salamone, James Digristina, Eleanor Dodge, David Fusillo and Victor Costanza. Absent was Michael Ritter.

Also present were Town Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge, Codes/Zoning Officer Philip Green, and Bette Szesny, who served as the Recording Secretary.

MINUTES

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by Donna Salamone to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting, as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed the revised draft of the Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance which has been updated to include the recommendations offered by Attorney of the Town, John Kenealy, Esq. Codes Officer Philip Green, and input received from Ron Aldrich, Central Boiler, who provided a presentation to the Board at the March, 2010 Planning Board Meeting.

Following a careful review and correction of a few minor typographical errors, motion was made by Donna Salamone, seconded by Victor Costanza, to refer the proposed Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance to the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Planning Board for their review and recommendation. All members present voted affirmatively by voice vote. The motion was carried.

WIND ENERGY FACILITIES ORDINANCE

Correspondence from Attorney for the Town John Kenealy has been received, providing the Board with his recommendations on the updated January, 2010 Draft Wind Energy Facilities Ordinance. Mr. Kenealy has recommended the Board review suggestions submitted by Dr. Phil Hofmeyer, SUNY Morrisville, with special attention paid to the ones in Article 5, Section 5, pertaining to Development Standards.

A workshop session followed, when several deletions, additions, and revisions were incorporated into the proposed ordinance.

A further review of past correspondence/recommendations from Attorney Kenealy indicated a need to review recommendations received from the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Planning Board. The secretary will provide the Board with copies of these recommendations for review at next month's meeting.

Further work on the Wind Energy Facilities Ordinance has been tabled until the May 5, 2010 meeting.

It was also noted that the upcoming Town of Schuyler's Regional Planning/Zoning Training event will include presentations on wind generated power, when the Board will gain further insight and information on this topic.

ANNUAL REGIONAL PLANNING / ZONING TRAINING EVENT

Mrs. Szesny reported the event has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 6:00 - 10:00 PM, with facilitation by Jane E. Rice, Environmental Design & Research, Syracuse, NY, who is assisting with the planning and development of the program. The Department of State will provide 1.5 hours of certified ZBA training for which Code Enforcement Officers will receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit, followed by a presentation on LED lighting provided by Jim Gelose, Fiberdyne Labs, Frankfort. "Small and Large Wind" will follow, with the Town of Lowville Supervisor and Highway Superintendent on hand to discuss their experiences with the establishment of the Maple Ridge Wind Farm in their municipality, the pitfalls and benefits, and the impacts that a large wind farm has had on their community to date, along with Chris Carrick, Sr. Planner with CNY Regional Planning & Development Board, Syracuse, who will provide a 45-minute presentation on Small Wind Power, to include a Q&A and discussion period. The evening's event will culminate with a presentation on Grant Funding by ED&R's Jane Rice, followed by a "Soup-to-Nuts" Session additional topics can be elicited from the audience of participants. Assistance from additional agencies may be included, as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business to come before the Planning Board, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM, upon a motion by James Digristina, seconded by Victor Costanza.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at 7:00 PM.

— *Bette Szesny, Recording Secretary*