

**ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
***Minutes - December 4, 2013***

The Ulster County Planning Board Meeting  
**7:30 p.m.** – Surrogate Courtroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
County Office Building

**The Executive Committee Met at 6:30PM**

Chairman Watkins called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Leibowitz to read the roll call.

1. **ROLL CALL - Present:** R. Pecora, R. Sokolov, D. Whitaker, P. Brooks, M. Calimano, H. Grant, T. Wilkin, C. Mallery, J. Brown, P. Andreassen, K. Holmquist, M. Watkins, R. Budziak, V. Markowitz, M. Weitman, G. Swanzey, D. Doyle, R. Leibowitz, B. Samuelson **Absent:** R. Kinnin **Excused:** J. Konior, K. Lovelett, W. Falkenberg, M. Baden **Guests:** Tiffany Gillman, Joseph Sibiga, Greg Jurckio, John Kuhner, Yolanda Figueroa, Sherret Chase, Richard Benkwitt

Mr. Watkins welcomed new member, Raymond Sokolov, who is representing Town of Gardiner.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November Minutes were approved. Motion by Mr. Wilkin, seconded by Mr. Holmquist. All were in favor.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Doyle stated that the 2014 budget has passed and we continue to see funding available for the Transportation Council work. We should have money left from this year's Conference line item that we might move to meet other needs. We are waiting for \$80K for Transportation Council work from the Fed and \$100K from the State. We still have a vacancy in the staff position and a Request to Fill that position has been submitted to the Executive level.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

5. **COMMUNITY REPORT**

Ms. Pecora stated the Mount Community is coming to Esopus board with 8 residential multi-family buildings, manufacturing facility and a dining hall. The project will come to this board next year. Mr. Wilkin stated he attended the Shawangunk Board meeting last night and there was a discussion on recusal. He added that it was good to see how a neighboring community conducts business.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Doyle stated Barton & Loguidice sent in a Neg Dec for the water distribution center in Rosendale. He also mentioned the Town of New Paltz Notice of Intent Lead Agency Request and asked Mr. Calimano to speak about the proposed project. Mr. Calimano stated his board saw the plan back in October for a CVS & gas station near thruway. We also received from the Town of New Paltz a Lead Agency & EIS for Park Point. Mr. Calimano stated they had the first public hearing on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> and there was no comment on soils testing, water & sewage or fiscal impact, there will be another hearing on December 9<sup>th</sup>, then they will move to a findings statement. Mr. Doyle stated the Public Service Commission issued an approval for a joint petition for economic development program to allow Fortis to take over Central Hudson. This will allow façade improvements, equipment loans, job productions & vacancies on Main Street. Mr. Doyle urged members to be proactive with conversations related to Main Street. Mr. Doyle noted that Catskill Heritage Alliance packages are available on the table and can be sent electronically they are looking for comment. He added that we anticipate seeing something from the applicant or the Town this Winter Mr. Doyle stated we would like to invite the applicant to attend our meeting with the board's permission. **Mr. Doyle made note that we have moved the January meeting to Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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(m) = handout included in the mailing

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Mileage Vouchers Due – Please submit 2013 mileage either at or within one week of the December meeting!** Mr. Doyle asked the board to turn in their mileage vouchers if they brought them this evening.

b. Board Training/Membership

Mr. Doyle made note that members are required by state law to have 4 hours of training per year. He added that if anyone has training that we have missed to please turn it in. Board members are given 15 minutes of credit for each of our board meetings they attend.

Mr. Watkins stated that he wanted to announce, with sorrow, that Mr. Budziak will most likely not be reappointed next year. He thanked Mr. Budziak for all of his contributions. Mr. Budziak stated he felt the Board has a very important function. He added it was a rewarding experience being on this board.

Mr. Watkins noted that there are several guests from the Town of Denning and our Board has a vacant seat for Denning if there anyone would want to volunteer.

Mr. Doyle stated that it is important to have an environmental and economic conscience on the Board. He added that Mr. Budziak has been very helpful to the staff as well. Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. Budziak can continue to serve on our Board until the Legislature appoints a replacement.

c. Ulster County Capital Program Comments

Mr. Doyle stated the comments were agreed to by the board and we are submitting them to the Legislature and the County Executive. Mr. Watkins stated that last month we discussed setting up a committee to review the Capital Program for next year and asked anyone who is interested to let Mr. Doyle or Mr. Leibowitz know. Mr. Doyle added that this Committee will not need to meet until next August or September.

d. Greenway Update

The next Greenway meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup> and we hope to have a draft available for that meeting. Mr. Wilkin added that we mentioned sharing the draft with the entire board last month, but that did not happen because the Greenway meeting was cancelled. Mr. Leibowitz added that a whole new front section is being added. Mr. Doyle stated that we'd like to have a close look at the document prior to circulation to the Board.

e. NE LLC Transmission Line

Mr. Doyle stated this is a proposal for a transmission line under Energize NY Plan. The Ulster County Planning Department will be filing for party status for this project at the request of the County Executive. Mr. Wilkin asked if he could get more information for his Town.

## 8. SPECIAL TOPICS DISCUSSION

No Special Topics were discussed.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nominating Committee – Election of Officers for 2014

Ms. Pecora addressed the Board, as Chair of the Nominating Committee and stated that they would like to nominate Mr. Watkins for another term as Chairman of the Board. They would like to make Mr. Baden the Vice Chair and Mr. Lovelett the Secretary.

Chairman Watkins asked for a motion.

**A motion was made by Mr. Calimano to approve officers for 2014 as nominated.  
Seconded by Mr. Markowitz. All were in favor.**

b. **January Meeting Date Selected – Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mentioned during communications

c. Environmental Notice Bulletin & Grant Opportunities– *No Member Comment*

**10. ZONING REFERRALS – *See Separate Zoning Minutes***

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned**