

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes –August 5, 2009

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

The Referral Review Process Committee Met at 6:30

Chairperson Hokanson welcomed the Board at 7:30 PM and asked Mr. Leibowitz to read the roll call.

- 1. ROLL CALL Present:** R. Pecora, M. Beuf, P. Hakim, (also K. Brueckner/Hurley), J. Konior, D. Martorana, L. Biggin, T. Hokanson, R. Oakes, T. Wilkin, S. Hudson, F. Greitzer, M. Watkins, R. Budziak, A. Yuran, R. Elwell, S. Finkle, D. Doyle, R. Leibowitz, B. Samuelson
Absent: T. Natale, G. Matichuk, T. Briggs, M. Lockwood, R. Pritchard
Excused: R. Praetorius, K. Holmquist **Guests:** Tom Shepstone, Carl Chipman

Welcome back Fred Greitzer!

- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES** The July minutes were approved. Motion made by Mr. Martorana and seconded by Mr. Hudson. Mr. Greitzer, Mr. Hakim and Ms. Biggins abstained.
- 3. FINANCIAL REPORT** Mr. Doyle stated the budget remains good in that we don't have a budget freeze. The re-authorization of the Transportation Bill is going through, which is about \$400,000 of our monies. Typically these reauthorizations take one or two years. Mr. Doyle stated the State Environmental Protection Fund is having difficulties with available funds. Several grant sources receive their notice of awards from EPF and they have had contracts held up.

Proposed budget for 2010 has been reviewed with the County Executive's Office. We need to keep the total at last year's numbers (or less) and are looking for areas to cut expenses.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no public comment.

5. COMMUNITY REPORT

Mr. Budziak stated that Town of Ulster received an application from Millen's Steel to relocate their recycling facility to the Town of Ulster on Route 32, south of the bridge entrance, near the Resource Recovery Agency. The site is approximately 39 acres and the proposed building approximately 85,000 SF. There will be three other buildings on site as well. Mr. Finkle stated that Millen's has told DEC that they will be keeping everything under cover.

Ms. Elwell stated that the northern extension of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail seems to be underway. The Open Space Conservancy hopes to close on a tax sale property this week. Patrick McDonough, Supervisor of Rosendale, stated the UC Legislature has already passed a resolution to sell the property to OSC and a piece of property on the north side of the trestle will be a parking lot. He said he has also spoke with the new owners of the William's Lake property on how to re-route the portion of the trail that goes through their land.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Doyle stated that local officials may want to read the NYS Assembly – Proposed Bill #A03353, which will increase vested rights for land use proposals to be considered under existing zoning and comment on it. This bill will vest rights after application for up to 6 years. The bill is on the NYS Assembly website.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. July 30th Retreat @ SUNY Ulster Cancelled - Will Reschedule in September
Mr. Doyle extended his apologies for having to cancel the July retreat and stated that we have been very busy with stimulus work and budget discussions. We are hoping to reschedule toward the end of September and should have materials out to the Board by our next meeting.
- b. 2009 Ag District Additions have been certified by the NYS Dept of Ag & Markets Commission Ulster County has 23 parcels (483 acres) to the 4 certified Ag Dists in the county
Mr. Doyle stated that Virginia Craft played a key role in the certification again this year. Mr. Doyle added that the 2 parcels owned by Wine in New Paltz were removed by the Legislature and were not sent to the Commissioner for inclusion.
- c. Budget Update
Covered in Financial Report

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Staff Comments Town of Denning Subdivision Statute**
Mr. Leibowitz stated that Denning has asked us to review initial comments. He stated that we have asked them to consider including conservation subdivisions; and commented on low impacted design and GPS in their SWPPP, solar access and digital data. Ms. Hokanson asked if the solar access information could be added to the website.
- b. Environmental Notice Bulletin – *No Member Comment*
- c. Zoning Referrals – *See Separate Zoning Minutes*

Mr. Doyle stated we have just completed reviews of multiple local laws, open space plans, a complete redo of subdivision regulations and a zoning statute for the Town of Rochester and he congratulated the Board and Staff on their efforts.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm. Motion made by Mr. Martorana and seconded by Ms. Pecora.