

# ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## *Minutes –September 1, 2010*

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

### **The Executive Committee met**

(Mr. Wilkin, Ms. Elwell, Mr. Watkins, Ms. Hokanson, Ms. Pecora & Mr. Budziak)  
Discussions were held on Capital Projects, HUD NoFA and progression of grants.

Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 and asked Mr. Leibowitz to read the roll.

- 1. ROLL CALL Present:** R. Pecora, J. Katz, P. Hakim, T. Marion, T. Natale, T. Hokanson, H. Grant, T. Wilkin, M. Baden, F. Greitzer, V. Benjamin, K. Holmquist, M. Watkins, R. Budziak, G. Matichuk, A. Yuran, A. Zlatkin, R. Elwell, R. Kinnin, D. Doyle, R. Leibowitz  
**Absent:** J. Konior, L. Biggin **Excused:** J. Kane, S. Frederick, S. Finkle **Guests:** Wayne & Elizabeth Kelder

### **2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Approval of July minutes as amended at the August meeting. Motion made by Ms. Pecora, seconded by Mr. Katz. Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Holmquist abstained.

Approval of August minutes with corrections to the spelling of Mr. Katz & Mr. Kinnin's names. Motion made by Ms. Pecora, seconded by Mr. Baden. Ms. Elwell, Ms. Hokanson, Mr. Natale, Mr. Hakim and Mr. Benjamin abstained.

### **3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Doyle explained to the Board that we are having a funding situation with NYSDOT and are currently working on a no-cost contract extension to receive payment for work that is already completed. We are owed approximately \$90,000 for the last quarter and continue to add to that number.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

### **5. COMMUNITY REPORT**

Ms. Hokanson stated the Town of New Paltz closed on a 62-acre parcel for open space and recreation use. The property is the former Stoneleigh Woods, behind the Duzine school.

Ms. Pecora stated the Town of Esopus library is now embarking on Phase 1A of its solar energy project. They will be adding solar with left over funds from a federal grant. She also said the HVFCU was approved last week will have temporary banking facilities open in the old library building in October.

Mr. Budziak stated that the Ulster Manor project in the Town of Ulster, located behind the bowling alley on 9W, has been withdrawn by the developer.

Mr. Baden stated that the Town of Rochester received a legal challenge to the zoning law voted into effect last October, which was decided in favor of the Town. Mr. Doyle asked if it was a mining challenge. Mr. Baden said it was SEQRA related.

Ms. Hokanson stated the Town of New Paltz received an Article 78 on the Hampton Inn Variance decision.

Mr. Katz added that Robert DeNiro is suing Town of Gardiner.

Mr. Wilkin said he read in the newspaper that Ellenville might go for city status and asked Mr. Doyle if this would affect zoning referrals. Mr. Doyle stated if Ellenville changes their corporate structure then

they would also have to readopt their zoning structure. Mr. Doyle added that cities also have certain responsibilities for state roads but he wasn't sure if that would be automatic.

Mr. Baden stated that Town of Rochester is having a public hearing on outdoor wood boilers tomorrow night.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Doyle mentioned that the Board should have a copy of the MS4 training announcement.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### a. HUD Regional Sustainability Plan

Mr. Doyle stated the 3 county planning departments combined with three cities, Pattern for Progress and a host of other non-profit groups are involved in this effort. Pattern for Progress and the Housing Consortium have filed a regional sustainability plan with HUD. \$100 million is available nationwide. There are 180 pages in the NOFA and it is necessary to meet various requirements. We have a \$2.9 million budget and we have a pledge leverage of \$6 million in effort. The grant request entitled "Re-Centering a Region on the Metropolitan Edge" looks at the polycentric nature of the Mid-Hudson Region and how it has spread out over time. It will look at opportunities to re-center the region around existing principal cities. CRREO will be working with us on measurability of outcomes. The grant calls for a housing action plan, regional economic development plan, regional transportation plan, climate action plan, environmental work in all communities, 15-20 case studies in the principal cities, and participation by all involved parties. Mr. Doyle mentioned that a lot of effort has gone into this application and even if we aren't selected for funding we will be recognized for preferential funding should we decide to apply again in the future.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Fall Training Schedule

Mr. Doyle stated that we are setting up meetings for the fall schedule. He added that we are going to do a basic planning board course.

Mr. Hakim informed the board that UCDC has scheduled fall classes. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> will be "Economic Development 101" at SUNY Ulster, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> will be "Ratables & PILOTs" at SUNY New Paltz, on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> "Economic Development 101" will be held at the Kirkland Building. All UCDC classes will be from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Mr. Doyle stated he would e-mail the flier to the board.

Mr. Wilkin mentioned that the NY Planning Federation offers short online courses. (nypf.org) He added that the beginner courses are very informative and people can go at their own pace.

**Mr. Doyle stated he would count all class credits but added that local boards may question the training.**

### b. Capital Projects 3140

Mr. Doyle informed the board that the Capital Projects information package was delivered to him today. He asked if the Board wanted to form a smaller committee to review the information or have copies of the information. Mr. Doyle stated that the package will be available for review in the office. Mr. Doyle stated this will come back in the form of a report when published then it will be the Board's discretion what they would like to report back to the County Executive and Legislature. Mr. Doyle stated that last year the Board comments were acted upon regarding county vehicles and the community college. Mr. Doyle stated a change for this year we are mapping all of the County's DPW paving projects; where they are and what funding source they are using. We are also looking at new sign regulations and culverts. Mr. Doyle stated that we also have to make sure the capital program at the county level runs with the Transportation Council's program. Mr. Doyle stated that last year we also made comments about priority work related to sustainability issues and energy efficiency. He added that the county moving toward performance contract and an energy audit is done. Mr. Doyle told the Board their comments made a difference.

Mr. Doyle asked the Board how involved the Board wanted to get. He offered to give the Board his set of recommendations if that was the direction they wanted to go. The Board requested a summary sheet. The Board asked the Director if he got an answer as to what depth they need to respond. Mr. Doyle stated that it is up to the Board to decide what depth they want to go. He added that he has repeated the request for someone from the budget office to attend our meeting. Mr. Doyle offered to e-mail last year's comments on the Capital Projects to the Board.

- c. Environmental Notice Bulletin – *No Member Comment*
- d. Zoning Referrals – *See Separate Zoning Minutes*

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned.