

**Town of Otsego Planning Board**  
Minutes – May 6, 2014

**REGULAR MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Town of Otsego Planning Board was held on this date at the Town Office Building in Fly Creek, New York. Chairman Donna Borgstrom called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Bill Deane took roll call. Members present were Borgstrom, Tom Huntsman, Scottie Baker, and Ed Hobbie. With Joe Potrikus (Vice-Chairman), Steve Purcell, and Rosemary Craig absent, first alternate member John Phillips joined the table. Second alternate member Darryl Szarpa was absent. Planning Board Attorney Jim Ferrari and Zoning Enforcement Officer Tavis Austin arrived later.

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 1, e-mailed to the members. Hobbie moved to approve the minutes as written. Baker seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0.

The only correspondence received since the last meeting was the most recent edition (Volume 28, Issue 2) of *Talk of the Towns & Topics*, copies of which were distributed.

Chairman Borgstrom asked if there were any member disclosures regarding potential conflicts. No one reported a conflict. Chairman Borgstrom asked if there were any public comments on non-agenda items. No one responded.

The Board moved on to the application.

**APPLICATION**

**LLIB, LLC (Bill Miller) – Request to extend conditional approval of Upper West Side major subdivision to August 25, 2014 – County Highway 28, Pierstown (#84.00-1-15.62)**

Applicant Bill Miller is again requesting a 90-day extension to his conditional approval for the Upper West Side major subdivision approved in 2011. The current extension runs through May 27, 2014. Chairman Borgstrom asked Miller if there were any changes to the project or situation. Miller said that there were not. He is trying to sell the property, so far without success.

John Phillips moved to extend the approval for another 90 days, to August 25, 2014. Tom Huntsman seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0. Miller will be due to return at the August 5 meeting.

Miller asked whether it would be possible to do multiple 90-day extensions at the same time. Chairman Borgstrom said she didn't think that would be proper. Attorney Ferrari agreed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

John Phillips noted that work has finally started on the cabins near Jerry's Place, a project the Board approved many years ago.

Phillips said he is writing a paper on the "Heirloom Barn" law, discussing its history and intent.

Ed Hobbie noted that the Village of Cooperstown has laws designed to protect historic buildings. Unfortunately, the Town of Otsego does not, and many historic buildings (e.g., the Fly Creek Hotel, Jonesie's Hardware Store) have been or will be demolished or altered without regard to historic integrity. Hobbie would like to see that changed.

Zoning Enforcement Officer distributed copies of his May 6 report (filed), using the revised format. Austin asked a question about a potential Otsego Lake project. He also gave a brief update on the Addison Bissell/Cobblescote situation.

Bill Miller, after asking permission to comment, remarked on the "free passes" given by the Town to the likes of Bissell and the B&B Ranch, while he and others have to go through a strenuous application process. Chairman Borgstrom pointed out that it is not the Planning Board giving these passes.

The Board discussed the special meeting of the Town Board held on April 30. The newspaper ad about this meeting indicated the Board would be amending the "Heirloom Barn" law. Planning Board members thought they should be involved in any discussion on that subject, and attended the meeting en masse. Town Board members said that the ad was misleading, and that they would not propose any changes to the *Land Use Law* without including the Planning Board in discussions.

Bill Deane and Zoning Enforcement Officer Austin discussed the June 3 agenda. As of now, there is nothing on it.

With no further business, at 8:36, Scottie Baker moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Deane, Planning Board Clerk