

Town of Otsego Planning Board
Minutes – August 18, 2009

Chairman Paul Lord called a special meeting of the Town of Otsego Planning Board to order at 7:32 PM, and roll call was taken by Clerk Bill Deane. Members present were Lord, Donna Borgstrom (Vice-Chairman), John Phillips, Doug Greene, and Steve Purcell. Joe Galati, Wes Ciampo, and alternate member Joe Potrikus were absent, as was Planning Board Attorney Jim Ferrari. Zoning Enforcement Officer Hank Schecher was also present.

Chairman Lord reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting:

- A flier (distributed to members) on a Catskill Region Land Use Training program, “The Roles of the Municipal Planning Board,” to be held in Arkville on September 10.
- A handout (distributed to members) copied from the *New York State General Municipal Law*, on the topic of “conflicts of interest.” Lord noted that it is up to applicants to discuss any potential conflicts with Board members.
- Otsego County on-line forms (passed around), which Zoning Enforcement Officer Schecher said could be adapted to the Town of Otsego web-site.

Deane reviewed some potential applications for the September 1 agenda:

- John & Stacey Hatem – this is a new site plan review application, copies of which Deane distributed to the members. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) had granted necessary variances earlier in the evening.
- Constantine Margaritis – this is an Otsego Lake shoreline stabilization project, similar to the Bissell/Kalmus application approved on June 2. The consensus of the Board was that the land use application submitted was sufficient to put Margaritis on the agenda.
- Pavlos Kokornos, et al – Attorney Bob Birch had submitted a new plat showing minor changes to the driveways. The consensus of the Board was that the public hearing could go on as scheduled.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Schecher said that, in reference to the discussion at the last meeting about certain lakeshore property owners, and in view of the pending Article 78 action, he would defer this matter to the Watershed Supervisory Committee. The Board agreed that this was prudent.

At 7:58, John Phillips moved to go into executive session to discuss the Edward Walker application. Steve Purcell seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0. At 8:44, Donna Borgstrom moved to come out of executive session. Phillips seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0. Chairman Lord said that, while in executive session, the Board exchanged candid views about the process leading up to the Walker subdivision approval.

Doug Greene distributed handouts which will be helpful in the Board’s potential revision of the steep slope regulations in the *Land Use Law*. The Board also discussed the pending John Stucin application, in preparation for the September 1 meeting.

At 8:53, Steve Purcell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Deane

Planning Board Clerk