

Town of Otsego Planning Board
Minutes – September 22, 2009

A special meeting of the Town of Otsego Planning Board was held on this date at the Town Office Building in Fly Creek, New York. Chairman Paul Lord called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Other members present were Donna Borgstrom (Vice-Chairman), John Phillips, Doug Greene, and Joe Galati. Steve Purcell, Wes Ciampo, and alternate member Joe Potrikus were absent. Planning Board Attorney Jim Ferrari, Zoning Enforcement Officer Hank Schecher, and Planning Board Clerk Bill Deane were also present. Town Board member Anne Geddes-Atwell was in attendance.

Chairman Lord gave an update on the pending Article 78 action. He said Attorney Ferrari was pursuing a dismissal based on procedural issues, while the plaintiff was requesting a postponement.

Chairman Lord reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting: a letter (filed) from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), regarding endangered species in the Edward Walker property area; and the Summer 2009 issue of the *Biological Field Station Reporter*, passed around to members.

Phillips asked about the “steep slop” provisions in the *Land Use Law*. The Planning Board had discussed proposing revisions to the Town Board. Lord said that there was no consensus on the subject among the current Town Board.

Borgstrom submitted a site plan review/special permitted use application for Trosset Group Attorneys to Zoning Enforcement Officer Schecher, to be put on the October 6 agenda.

Members and employees spent considerable time analyzing the Board’s By-Laws, which evidently have not been amended since they were written in 1967. Many sections need revision, while other sections should be added or deleted. Attendees went through the By-Laws item by item, suggesting and noting changes. Chairman Lord said he would draft a revised set of By-Laws and e-mail it to Deane for review, prior to disseminating it to the members for future action.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Schecher discussed a pending application for a ham radio tower. It involves the telecommunication laws in addition to the *Land Use Law*.

Galati distributed copies of a draft *Land Use Law* on planned unit developments (PUDs), originally proposed by Town Councilman Bill Michaels in May, 2009. After a brief discussion, Galati asked members to look it over and be prepared to discuss it at a future meeting. The consensus was to add it to the October 6 meeting agenda.

Deane discussed the final October 6 agenda. It will include Peter Bissell (public hearing), Jenny Johannesen, Constantine Margaritis, Estate of Shirley Bennett, Scott, and Trosset Group Attorneys. The consensus of the Board was that the Johannesen application could be resolved tonight.

APPLICATION

Jenny Mackie Johansen – Lot line adjustment – Stone House Road, Fly Creek (#98.00-1-52.00 & - 53.00)

The Board reviewed the proposed lot line adjustment. Attorney Ferrari had reviewed the surveyor’s description and lot line adjustment forms, and said “Everything looks okay to me.” After discussion, Donna Borgstrom moved to approve the lot line adjustment and authorize the chairman to sign the plat. Joe Galati seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0. Since there were no paper copies of the plat, Chairman Lord did not sign it. Zoning Enforcement Officer Schecher said he would ask the applicant to submit a paper copy for Lord to sign.

With no further business, at 9:18, John Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Deane

Planning Board Clerk