

Town of Otsego Planning Board
Minutes – December 1, 2009

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 Paul Lord called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, and roll call was taken by Clerk Bill Deane. Members present were Lord, Donna Borgstrom (Vice-Chairman), John Phillips, Joe Galati, Steve Purcell, and Doug Greene. With Wes Ciampo absent, alternate member Joe Potrikus joined the meeting table. Zoning Enforcement Officer Hank Schecher and Planning Board Attorney Jim Ferrari were also present.

The Board reviewed the minutes of November 10, 2009, e-mailed to the members. Borgstrom moved to approve the minutes as written. Galati seconded the motion and it was approved, 7-0.

Chairman Lord reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting:

- A flier on a public open house on “Otsego County Flood Planning,” to be held at Oneonta High School on December 2.
- The November/December 2009 issue of *Talk of the Towns&Topics*, copies of which were distributed to members.
- A letter (filed) from John and Amanda May, expressing support for the Elizabeth Bettiol application, which has yet to come before the Board.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Schecher distributed copies of his December 1 report (filed). It itemized three land use permits issued, one application pending Planning Board review, and two pending Zoning Board of Appeals action.

In lieu of the “public comments” portion of the meeting, Chairman Lord (with input from John Phillips) explained the Planning Board’s role to Cooperstown High School students in attendance.

With no applications on the agenda, the Board moved on to “other business.”

OTHER BUSINESS

Joe Galati asked that, in view of the two-hour training session scheduled after the meeting, the discussion on planned unit developments (PUDs) be postponed until January. No one objected.

Chairman Lord discussed the November 18 e-mail (filed) from Town Engineer Wayne Bunn. It said that Bunn plans to personally serve the Board at the rate of \$96 per hour in 2010, and that he understands that applications involving Lamont Engineers would be deferred to another engineer. Lord said that he had spoken to Hans deWaal, who said he could serve the role in cases involving Lamont. Lord said the Board should formally decide on this issue in January.

John Phillips reported on his first Town Board meeting in the capacity of Planning Board liaison. He conveyed the Planning Board’s recommendations regarding the prompt reappointments of Donna Borgstrom as member and Paul Lord as chairman, but the Town Board seemed inclined to continue with its usual deliberate process.

Bill Deane discussed the January 5, 2010 agenda. There are no applications as yet, but Les Sittler may return to continue the Bennett Estate application, and other applicants may be added before the December 22 deadline. “Other business” items include the PUDs, the Planning Board By-Laws, and discussion on the reappointments of the Town Engineer (currently Wayne Bunn), and Planning Board Clerk (Bill Deane), Attorney (Jim Ferrari), and Vice-Chairman (Donna Borgstrom).

With no further business, at 7:59, Joe Potrikus moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Deane

Planning Board Clerk