

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes–July, 7 2010

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

The Executive Committee met

(Mr. Wilkin, Ms. Elwell, Mr. Watkins (absent), Ms. Hokanson, Ms. Pecora & Mr. Budziak)

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

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

Mr. Doyle asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Ms. Pecora made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Ms. Elwell. All were in favor.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Doyle stated that we are in good shape this year. We have collected \$60,000 from the state for an Economic Development study that was completed several years ago. We have also submitted an \$83,000 invoice to the state for the MPO transportation planning work. Mr. Doyle stated that a copy of the revised 2010 and proposed 2011 budgets are in the Board's folder. We have reduced county costs significantly for 2011 by allocating staff resources to activities funded by outside agencies and reducing the amount of consulting services.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment

5. COMMUNITY REPORT

Ms. Pecora announced that the Town of Esopus Library will begin construction on their solar energy project on Monday, July 12th. Mr. Doyle stated there is currently a proposal to run transmission lines under the Hudson River, which was discussed at a meeting last night at the Holiday Inn.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Doyle mentioned one additional item, not included on the Agenda, for Planning and Zoning Summer Schools if anyone needed training credit. Mr. Doyle was asked if training credit was available for those members who attended the Greenway meeting. He responded that he would check with Ms. Schwartz. Mr. Doyle noted the wood boiler regulation proposal made by the DEC.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ag District Inclusions – Mr. Doyle reported last month on the number of proposals. Our Legislative Committee acted on the proposals last Friday and has advanced to the Legislature all properties recommended by the Ag & Farmland Protection Board. Properties that were not recommended were: the Aldan parcel in Shawangunk, the Wine parcels in Town of New Paltz and the MBK parcel in Plattekill. These parcels were not advanced due to opposition filed by the communities of Plattekill and Shawangunk and public comments filed at the public hearing in the Town of New Paltz. Mr. Doyle stated there were multiple objections the primary objection being AG and Markets 303B Legislation that preempts local zoning to regulate the operation and processes of farming. Communities are concerned this would affect neighboring properties.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Presentation**
Mr. Doyle gave some background information on the Ulster County Transportation Council. He stated that the plan was first out in 2005 and the update is currently running in draft form and

should be finished by the end of September. A public hearing will be held in August. A public hearing will also be held in August for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Doyle then gave a presentation of the LRTP update to the board.

- b. Department Budget Filed – Discussed during financial report.
- c. Environmental Notice Bulletin – *No Member Comment*
- d. Zoning Referrals – *See Separate Zoning Minutes*

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.