

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes – June 4, 2008

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

The Referral Guide Committee Met

- 1. ROLL CALL Present:** R. Pecora, M. Beuf, D. Martorana, T. Hokanson, R. Oakes, T. Wilkin, S. Hudson, F. Greitzer, R. Praetorius, R. Kalb, R. Budziak, A. Yuran, R. Elwell, R. Pritchard, D. Doyle, R. Leibowitz, B. Samuelson
Absent: H. Anderson, R. Ferrigan, T. Natale, L. Biggin, M. Watkins, G. Matichuk, E. Hooper, M. Lockwood, S. Finkle
- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES** The May minutes were approved. Motion by Ms. Pecora, seconded by Mr. Martorana.
- 3. FINANCIAL REPORT**
Mr. Doyle informed the Board that we are starting budget process at the end of the month. He added that this will be a very rough budget year. The UCTC continues to be funded though serious prioritizing is likely for capital projects in the next TIP update.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no public comment.
- 5. COMMUNITY REPORT**
Mr. Doyle introduced new staff Planner Burt Samuelson. Mr. Samuelson described his background and stated what he hoped to do for the department. The Board introduced themselves. Mr. Kalb announced his retirement from the UCPB. Mr. Doyle told the Board how rewarding it was for him to communicate with them regarding their communities, how grateful he is to work with such a talented group of people and how proud he is of the staff.
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Floodplain Mapping & Management – Tues, June 10th 6:00-9:00 pm – Rosendale Rec Center
Mr. Doyle made note of the above and added there are 2 hours of training credit available. DEP and DEC will be there; the event is being sponsored by Rondout and Esopus Stream Committees.
 - b. Ms. Pecora announced a training seminar on June 18th at Town of Esopus with Dean Palen of the UC Health Dept. Mr. Doyle added that on June 26th Mr. Palen will be giving the same presentation at the Ulster County Office Building.
 - c. Pattern for Progress – Housing the Hudson Valley Conference – June 11th – Marist College
Mr. Doyle made note of the above. \$40 fee for town officials, 2 hours training credit.
 - d. NYSDOS – Local Waterfront Plans – Grant Deadline June 30th
Mr. Doyle made note of the above. He added that we have had discussions about doing regional waterfront plans but will probably not apply.
 - e. Proposed NYCDEP Watershed Rules – Hearing on June 25th from 7:00-9:00 pm – Belleayre Ski Mountain (Garden Room), Highmount. Comment period ends July 7th
Mr. Doyle made not of the above.
 - f. John Coutant, Supervisor – Town of Esopus – Addressing Issues of Concern re: Esopus Lake a/k/a Hudson Point, Somerset Development
Mr. Doyle made note of the above. He added that there may be a joint response from Ulster County on this letter.

- g. Article in Sunday Freeman (May 25, 2008) - "Shandaken leader fed up with Route 28"
Mr. Doyle made note of the above. Mr. Kalb stated the State was not going to do anything with the road but he noticed traffic counters after the article came out.
- h. NYSDEC –NYS Superfund Site Assessment –Saugerties Former Mfg Gas Plant site, Ferry Street
Mr. Doyle made note of the above.
- i. Designation of City of Kingston Planning Board as Lead Agency - Armor Dynamics - addition to a an existing building for assembly/light manufacturing use - Kingston Business Park
Mr. Doyle made note of the above.
- j. Lead Agency Request - Town Board Town of Ulster - Shop Rite Plaza
Mr. Doyle made note of the above.
- k. Lead Agency Request – Town of Shawangunk Planning Board – HR Ventures – 22 Lot Subdivision
Mr. Doyle made note of the above.
- l. Edward Williams support letter for DEC as Lead Agency for Hudson River Valley Resort (a/k/a Canopy Development, f/k/a William's Lake)
Mr. Doyle made note of the above. Mr. Greitzer commented that there has been a closing on the property.
- m. Public Meeting – U.C. Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Plan – June 10th from 5:30-8:00 PM at BOCES New Paltz Conference Room 175 – Input is Requested!
Mr. Doyle made note of the above. The plan is available on the department's website.
- n. Town of Marlborough Planning Board – Lead Agency – Stewart's – Route 9W, Milton – increase blacktop parking area
Mr. Doyle made note of the above.
- o. Town of Gardiner Planning Board – Lead Agency – Open Space Development/Conservation Subdivision – 39 lots on approx. 200 acres – single family
Mr. Doyle made note of the above.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Wetlands Update – Mr. Doyle stated that due to other requests he was unable to write the Wetland review in time for this evenings meeting. He added there is a Planner's Guide to Wetlands Buffers out that he will provide as well.
- b. Ag Additions Update – Mr. Doyle stated that the County Planning Board used to make recommendations with respect to how lands should be added. That role has been removed from the Ag and Markets Law. Approximately 833 acres will be recommended for addition to the district. We have been adding between 800 to 1500 acres per year for the last four years.
- c. Farmworker Housing Update
Mr. Doyle informed the Board that this is a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant being implemented by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ms. Craft is sitting on a committee to review applications for eligibility. Pre-applications for 28 farms are in. Grant requires a 25% match from farmers. Site visits to the farms begin next week. Mr. Doyle stated we are looking at 24 modulars at a minimum.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **July meeting set for July 2nd – Any problem with this date?**
Mr. Doyle asked members in attendance if that date worked for everyone. Members were agreeable to the date. **The July meeting will be held on the 2nd.**

- b. Discussion on RLUIPA – handout in folder
Mr. Doyle informed the Board that the handout states the do's and don'ts from municipal attorneys. He urged members to share the information with their local boards and attorneys. Health and safety issues for communities are emphasized.
- c. Environmental Notice Bulletin – *No Member Comment*
- d. Zoning Referrals – *See Separate Zoning Minutes*

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:02 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Martorana, seconded by Mr. Hudson.

Mr. Kalb stated that he really enjoyed working with the Board over the years. He added that his alternate Keith Holmquist will be attending future meetings.

Mr. Doyle thanked Mr. Kalb for his service.