

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes–June 2, 2010

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

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

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

Ms. Hokanson introduced her new alternate Mike Calimano. Mr. Calimano gave the board some information on himself. Mr. Doyle asked if all members would introduce themselves. Other new members in attendance were Tim Marion from Town of Lloyd, Rob Kinnin from City of Kingston, Anthony Zlatkin from Village of Ellenville.

- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES** - The May minutes were approved. Motion by Ms. Pecora, seconded by Mr. Konior. Abstention: Mr. Marion and Mr. Holmquist. All were in favor.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Doyle informed the board that we have been asked to cut 10% off our budget for austerity measures. We will limit conferences and office equipment purchases as some means to make the cut. However, most of our revenue coming from the federal government making it difficult to justify the cuts. We are in the process of working on the 2011 budget. Mr. Doyle added that we continue to extend invitations to the County Executive's office to attend one of our meetings to discuss Capital Projects. We should have a Draft Capital Program to the Board sometime in October. Mr. Doyle stated that the budget looks good even though it is extremely tight. Mr. Doyle added that we have been able to seek reimbursement from a dated stormwater regulation grant for \$100,000 that the Environmental Mgmt Council had begun and our department took over in 2005 and completed in 2007.

Ms. Pecora stated that the Town of Esopus Library foundation board met in Hartford CT concerning common law fund and found that in the budget situation for the common sector revenues are trailing behind expenditures until 2017.

Mr. Doyle informed the board that our department has always done zero based budget programming, justifying every program. The department has no mandated work programs except for those in the Charter. Our operations are contractual or statutory. We continue to have discussions as to the definition of the word mandated. Mr. Doyle stated the county is also looking at selling properties including Flatbush Avenue.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment

5. COMMUNITY REPORT

Ms. Elwell stated that the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association is having a National Trails Day celebration on Saturday and she invited everyone to come. Mr. Katz informed the board that OSI has made a proposal to obtain the development rights on the Kiernan Farm in Gardiner. OSI received a grant from Dept of Agriculture for \$440,000, which OSI will match. The Town has agreed to raise \$50,000 towards the purchase as well.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Doyle made note of the property being considered for historic status and he encouraged members to have their communities apply for the Environmental Protection Fund Grant. Mr. Doyle stated there will be a Greenway board meeting next Wednesday, June 9th, at the Stoutbridge Winery in Marlborough. Supervisors and others will be invited to attend. Mr. Doyle added that we have a grant from Greenway to develop our Greenway Compact and we will be demonstrating our priority growth methodology to their board at that meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ag District Inclusions – Mr. Doyle stated that a Public Hearing scheduled for June 15th shortly after 6:00 pm. He added that agricultural district inclusions have become problematic over the past few years as more communities express concerns over exemptions from local zoning. We are preparing to transmit the report to the Legislature then the applications will be posted on our website.

b. Environmental Notice Bulletin – Mr. Doyle made note of a HUD Grant.

Mr. Doyle went over the rules for recusal for zoning referrals.

c. Zoning Referrals – *See Separate Zoning Minutes*

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15. All were in favor.