

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes –December 3, 2008

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

- 1. ROLL CALL Present:** R. Pecora, M. Beuf, H. Anderson, J. Konior, L. DuBois, T. Natale, L. Biggin, T. Hokanson, R. Oakes, T. Wilkin, S. Hudson, F. Greitzer, R. Praetorius, M. Watkins, R. Budziak, A. Yuran, R. Elwell, R. Pritchard, S. Finkle, D. Doyle, J. Schwartz, B. Samuelson
Absent: G. Matichuk, T. Briggs, M. Lockwood **Excused:** D. Martorana, K. Holmquist, E. Hooper, R. Leibowitz
Guests: Barry Medenbach, M. Ferguson, Maymie Rosala, John Freeman, Herb Hekler, Denise Laneville, Jay Modhoadiya, Richard Gorres, Susan Zimet

- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES** The November Minutes were approved. Motion by Ms. Pecora, seconded by Mr. Hudson.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Doyle recognized our former Director, Herb Hekler and asked that he do the report. Mr. Hekler stated "All is well." Mr. Doyle stated that we have a substantial amount of money left in the budget due to contracts that are still in the process of being signed. Our tentative budget for 2009 has not been cut. Mr. Doyle informed the Board that there is a budget amendment being proposed by the Legislature to add a position to our staff.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. COMMUNITY REPORT

Ms. Pecora informed the Board that the Town of Esopus has moved into the new Town Hall and the old Town hall has been turned over to the State. Ms. Hokanson stated the Town of New Paltz has signed a contract with the county for a new Loop Bus.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Received Draft Regional Open Space Plan of the Shawangunk Mountains Regional Partnership
Mr. Doyle stated we are in the process of reviewing the plan and will have comments back to the Board next month.
- b. Property considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places:
 - o New Paltz Downtown Historic District – Main/N&S Chestnut/Church/N Front/Plattekill
Mr. Doyle made note of the above.
- c. Lead Agency Coordination – Preliminary Classification as Type 1 Action under SEQRA – Walmart (Special Use Permit, Site Plan Review & Subdivision) on 13.2 acres of 17.16 acre site – Town of Wawarsing.
Mr. Doyle made note of the above. He added that we have been receiving numerous phone calls from the community on this.
- d. Town of Fallsburg Planning Board – Lead Agency Designation & Notice of Public Hearing for Mountain Stream Villas (FKA Tabak Cottages) Sullivan County – Summer Bungalow Colony – Construct 93 units on 84.4 acres. Hearing December 11th @7:00PM - S. Fallsburg
Mr. Doyle stated we received this notice because the property adjoins the Town of Wawarsing.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Reminder: Referral Seminar – December 9th @UCOB 7:00 – 9:30 PM
Mr. Doyle stated everyone should have a copy of the final Referral Guide. We mailed 5 copies to each community and the Guide will be available on our website shortly. The appendices will be available in digital form only. Mr. Doyle asked the Board to go back to their communities and encourage Board chairs and secretaries to attend.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Mileage Vouchers Due - Please Be Sure to Sign Yours!(m)**

Mr. Doyle stated that forms were mailed to members and asked to turn them in after the meeting.

b. **Election of Officers – 2009**

Ms. Pecora stated the recommended slate of officers will be: **Toni Hokanson as Chair, Bob Oakes as Vice Chair and Tom Wilkin as Secretary.**

Motion to approve recommended 2009 Officers made by Mr. Finkle, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

c. **Administrative Code Responsibilities (f)**

Mr. Doyle passed around a handout and went over the administrative changes relating to the Board. Appointment of Director is as discussed in the Charter. Mr. Doyle informed the Board that an appointment would only be necessary in the event of a vacancy. Powers and duties of the Director and Board have changed somewhat and have been expanded. Our Board's appointment process has been preserved. There is a performance requirement with respect to the Director's duties. The Board has been charged with review of the Capital Program of the County and review or development of the County's Comprehensive Plan. Review of Land Use will include Subdivisions plus the 500 foot rule is expanded to the entire county. We also have responsibilities over land acquisitions.

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that Rob Leibowitz was excused from the meeting due to illness.

d. Environmental Notice Bulletin – *No Member Comment*

e. Zoning Referrals – *See Separate Zoning Minutes*

Mr. Doyle thanked the board and the staff for a very productive year. Mr. Doyle introduced Legislator Rodriguez and County Executive Elect Michael Hein. Mr. Hein thanked the Board for their hard work and stated we are looking at exciting challenges in 2009.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 8:32 pm.

Happy New Year!