

Town of Denning - Planning Board Meeting

August 9, 2007



Planning Board Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Town of Denning Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Alden Thayer at 7:30 PM. Members present were Mr. Brooks, Mr. Bobik, Mr. Landon, Mr. Krickhahn, Mr. Larison, Mr. Van Aken. Mr. Larison arrived after the start of the meeting and no one from the public attended.

Mr. Thayer opened the meeting with a brief discussion on missing minutes and lack of attendance by board members. He also spoke about his meetings with the Town Board and the resolution they passed to give him the right to have planning board members removed due to lack of attendance.

Mr. Thayer read the minutes from the last meeting of July 12th. No changes were suggested and a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Van Aken, all in favor.

Old Business:

Mr. Thayer continued discussion on the Timber Harvest and Zoning laws started at the last meeting. We discussed changes to the Timber Harvest Law and Mr. Thayer said he would type them up for our review next meeting. He also discussed that Mr. Gilmour will be scanning in our Zoning Law's so we can have a digital copy to work from as changes are made.

Mr. Thayer spoke about the DEP buying property in the rural district in the town and we all discussed the impact that has on our town's future.

New Business:

Mr. Thayer opened the mail and read the Town Boards resolution #38, passed at their August meeting, "Replacement of persons on the Planning Board". (all boards in general). Discussion followed.

We discussed a contact list of Planning Board members and Mr. Thayer said he would make a copy for each of us and bring it to the next meeting.

Mr. Van Aken asked who represented our board at the Town Board meetings and Mr. Thayer suggested we all take turns. For October Mr. Van Aken will attend and for November Mr. Landon. The rest will be decided at a later date.

There was discussion about the minutes from early in the year and Mr. Landon stated that he received an email from the Town Clerk with some fragmented minutes transcribed by Linda Comando from the recorded tapes. Mr. Landon said he would review the transcriptions and try to make some official records.

Mr. Thayer continued reading the mail which included a notice from CWC sponsoring "Local Government Day", October 17th, agenda and registration requirements. This is at

the Hana Country Resort and qualifies for state mandated training for planning board members. Mr. Thayer will approach the Town Board so we can all attend.

The mail also included notice from NY Governor Spitzer about wind generating law and its possible infringement on local town law. (Public Service Law – article X Wind Generating). Information could also be obtained at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/thomas>

Mr. Landon asked if there was going to be a special committee to tackle the Zoning Law changes suggested in the Comprehensive Plan when the Town Board adopts it. Mr. Thayer said there would be a committee formed outside of the responsibility of the Planning Board because we were bogged down with other work. The Town Board will appoint its members.

Mr. Van Aken asked about grants from the Greenway Program and Mr. Bobik said we might not qualify, meaning it needs more investigation. We (the town) are members.

Mr. Landon talked about using the Internet to post working documents on a web forum owned/controlled by the town (Denning.us) to relieve the burden of one person doing all the work. (ie. Mr. Thayer's work on the "Timber Harvest Law") We could all have access and suggest input and be kept up to date in between meetings. Mr. Thayer said it was a good idea and we should try it out this coming month. Mr. Landon said that he could set up each member's access to the working documents and discussion forum on Denning.us

Mr. Larison motioned to adjourn and Mr. Brooks seconded, all in favor except Mr. Landon who wanted to talk more about the Internet use.

The next meeting will be held on September 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Landon