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Town of Denning - Planning Board Meeting

March 12, 2009

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. Thayer, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Larison, Mr. Van Aken, Mr. Landon, and Mr. Bobik was unable to attend.

Councilman Mike Dean was also in attendance.

Mr. Thayer spoke of the current Timber Harvest forms from Joy to make sure they were correct.

Mr. Thayer read the minutes from the meeting of February 12th. During the reading of the minutes we had some discussion about Timber Harvesting listed below. Mr. Brooks motioned to accept the minutes, Mr. Van Aken seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:

Spoke about a timber harvest application that was submitted for Steven Lakeman over in Frost Valley. The owners signature wasn't on the application. Should there be? Yes, and Alden will get it by next meeting. 32,000 board feet, Mr. Larison said if it is the logging job going on down the street then there are no marks on the trees. Lot's of questions that won't be answered with logging notification only. Our current law allows this. Councilman Mike Dean said that he had to put up a Bond if they were entering on county road. Mr. Thayer said that we weren't aware of this in the past. Councilman Dean said that it was a \$2500 bond to Ulster County and has nothing to do with the town. Mr. Thayer said we weren't aware and he will check on this with Highway and Bridges in Ulster County for the future reference.

Mr. Thayer continued discussion on the Timber Harvest Law and why we should update our current law.

Mr. Thayer updated us on the state of affairs on the Ed Mues minor subdivision as it was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He read the Planning Board letter making recommendations in favor to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Also, he read the letter from Ed Mues to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This is all informational as the matter has been turned over to the ZBA.

Mr. Thayer next spoke of a fax he sent to Denis O'Doyle, Ulster County Planning Board (a copy of the Timber Harvest Law) He also faxed the letter from the DEC with their recommendations requesting that we defer the passage of the law at this time. Mr. Thayer read the letters and fax. He said that Mr. O'Doyle hasn't had an opportunity to respond so he had no feedback at this time. Mr. Thayer gave us his comments on the matter.

Mr. Thayer gave us a copy of a Timber Harvest Law sample from Bruce Williamson DEC that was sent for our consideration to adopt in the future. More discussion followed.

Councilman Mike Dean explained the position of the Town Board, basically they want some notification and some proof of monetary protection (insurance) to the town. More discussion followed comparing the existing law and the Timber Harvest proposed law.

We discussed all the things we have accomplished over the years and decided that we possibility could use a mission statement from the Town Board over and above our normal duties as Town Planning Board. Mr. Larison motioned to that affect, Mr. Landon seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Van Aken spoke about the need for an attorney to be present during our meeting as other towns. We discussed that if some larger project came about this would be a consideration. Currently we send our laws and revisions to the town attorney for review.

Mr Thayer suggested that we send a card to Paul Krickhan and family wishing them well as his wife is ill and he has left the Planning Board. Mr. Thayer will leave it in the Town Clerks office for everyone to sign.

Mr. Thayer spoke of his discussion with Bill Bruning about getting broadband up here in the town. We discussed some ideas.

No New Business

Mr. Larison motioned to adjourn at 9PM, Mr. Brooks seconded, all in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Landon