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TOWN OF JERUSALEM
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

December 6, 2007

The regular meeting of the Town of Jerusalem Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Robert Evans, on Thursday December 6, 2007 at 7:17 p.m. The roll was called:

Present: R. Evans
N. Simmons
E. Pinneo
M. Coriale
Excused: A. Toasperm
Excused: D. Koop
Excused: B. Pringle

Others present: Loretta Hopkins, Susan & Tom Close, Earl Macab, Jim Fitzgibbons, and Rick Ayers.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November Planning Board meeting were discussed and two changes made. These minutes will be corrected and presented next month for approval.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Chairman Evans welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WIND FARMS – Chairman N. Simmons reported as he has said several times that the committee has chosen to move slowly. They want to be sure to get it right. We have had two public information meetings, two trips to Fenner and Loweville area. At the last Town Board meeting, Jim wanted to know the next step – another information meeting. We would like to give you 30 days notice. Two to three areas have been identified. After the next subcommittee meeting, letters to everyone in 2000' corridor will receive notice that we are looking in your area. N. Simmons went to the Benton meeting with Empire Energy with whom they have entered into an agreement with Town of Benton, and also Ag & Mkts. This meeting revealed things that should be looked at if we so choose to go forward. The Subcommittee will meet after the beginning of the New Year. They are looking at March or April. By this time they will be further along in Cohocton and Prattsburg. We can see how things are going. N. Simmons said the committee is trying to have a balanced presentation. After the third informational meeting, the Planning Board will make a formal recommendation to the Town Board. The Town Board will have a Public Hearing and then make a decision. Jim Fitzgibbons read a short note from his neighbor Bob Gilesie on his view of wind farms.

SLOPES – Chairman E. Pinneo met with R. Ayers and Attorney Phil Bailey and went over the draft legislation on slopes. R. Ayers stated that preplanning for construction on steep slopes is so important. R. Ayers suggested some minor changes. There will always be that stumbling block on the definition of the open space. Intent & Purpose: We encourage preservation of farmland and open space. The Slope Committee has a Draft Legislation for Construction on Steep Slopes ready for the Planning Board's approval to pass on to the Town Board. It was decided to wait until next month to approve and pass on to the Town Board since three members of the board are not in attendance this evening.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT – Chairman B. Evans reported that after the last Town Board meeting the subcommittee went back to work. Town Supervisor elected to work through Attorney DiPonzio from Rochester and requested that he consult with an Attorney from Washington DC, Attorney Pat Truman. They forwarded the document representing our original document, along with combined comments from Cindy Geertson, Attorney DiPonzio, and Attorney Truman. The subcommittee attempted to go through this and labored for 2 hours. Major feature of our recommendations to Attorney Truman is specifically all references where proposed regulations dealing with morality are to be eliminated.

It is the feeling of the subcommittee the Town Board, Planning Board, Subcommittee should not be dealing with issues of morality. Basically comes to a point that most of the comments by Attorney Truman will be eliminated. The subcommittee is backing off on one specification: scenic highways had a 2000 foot constraint and we are going to recommend a 1000 foot constraint. Because Attorney DiPonzio also raised questions about acreage, B. Evans met with R. Ayers and came up with maps that calculated acreage of the various proposed constraints so that we can reply to Attorney DiPonzio.

ZONING REGULATION REVIEW – M. Corial stated that they took N. Simmons comments to heart about moving slowly. L. Hopkins stated that the Town Board did not act on because they were informed that the 25% was not in agreement in the subcommittee. N. Simmons recommended that it might be good to involve the Bluff Point Association in a meeting to achieve the same goal. We are looking for comments from the Town Board.

L. Hopkins stated that the Zoning Regulation Review Committee would like to explore having meetings on Monday afternoon. R. Rubin, E. Nesbit, & L. Hopkins are on a committee to study light industry in the Guyanoga Road corridor. Agricultural /Light Industry – we want to keep rural farming – Mennonites are attracted to the Guyanoga Valley.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATION

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM was made by E. Pinneo and seconded by N. Simmons. MOTION CARRIED. (Ayes – 4 Nays – 0, Excused - 3).

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Caves