

MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2008

The meeting held at the office of the Saratoga County Planning Department located at 50 West High Street in Ballston Spa was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The following Members, Staff and Guests were present:

Members Present: Tom Lewis, Chairman, Edwin Vopelak, Michael Miller, Bob Hall, and Steve Porto.

Guests: Stephen Williams of the Daily Gazette and Ted Serbalik, DPW.

Approval of Minutes

A motion for approval of the minutes of the June 19, 2008 meeting was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Porto, and approved unanimously.

Referrals

08-111 – Village of South Glens Falls – Draft Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Valentine presented for approval by the members the village's 2008 Draft Comprehensive Plan, noting that the plan provides a detailed update and restatement of the village's 2000 Comprehensive Plan while addressing many similar themes. He explained that through an aggressive pursuit of grant funds and cooperative interaction between the Board of Trustees and the planning board, many of the zoning recommendations of the 2000 plan have been addressed and adopted in some form since then. There is in the plan a continued emphasis on the importance of downtown revitalization, both to housing and retail/commercial development in the Main Street/Route 9 area. The importance of both this corridor and the Hudson River waterfront have been identified as central to increasing opportunities for growth in recreational uses, trail development and tourism in the village.

A motion to approve the staff recommendations for the referrals as presented was made by Mr. Porto. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vopelak and unanimously approved.

Subdivisions

08-A-37 – Town of Galway – William Whitbeck & Christine McCormack

Ms O'Neill presented the proposed subdivision plan with a the map provided dated May 28, 2008 indicates the wetlands on the property are Army Corps of Engineers but have not been delineated in the field. These wetlands should be delineated and boundaries should be placed on the subdivision map. Ted Serbalik from County DPW has gone to the site and has indicated that the location of the proposed driveway for Lot 2 along Jockey Street has the greatest amount of sight distance and is the most favorable location for the driveway.

The County Planning Board is requesting to review the revised subdivision map prior to rendering a decision.

A motion to approve the staff recommendations for the subdivisions as presented was made by Mr. Miller. The motion was seconded by Mr. Porto and unanimously approved.

Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Board for discussion.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Porto, the meeting was adjourned, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Victoria Ainsworth
PB Secretary