

MINUTES
CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
June 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm at the Sterling Nature Center.

The April minutes will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Local Status Reports:

V/Aurora – Mr. Taylor stated that the Pleasant Rowland Foundation is doing a lot of work in the Village. There will be a public open house this weekend for the French House that was recently renovated.

V/Fair Haven – Ms. Hudson explained that they have invited the Village Trustees to attend their meetings. They have not, and now they have directed the Planning Board members to attend the next Village Board meeting.

V/Cato – Ms. Sweetman updated the group that CIVIC Heritage is waiting for DEC to come and inspect the property for potential flood issues.

T/Sennett – Mr. Morris shared with the group that the Town isn't having good luck working with the City of Auburn on a subdivision off of Prospect Street. They are now back to the drawing board on it.

T/Ira – Ms. Southard mentioned that the Town of Ira distributed a Town-wide survey in order to collect information for the Comprehensive Plan they are working on. They have sent out 850 surveys and have received 245 so far. Some of the answers have been enlightening.

T/Scipio – Mr. Hatfield stated that the Town passed a wind turbine law. The Village of Aurora expressed interest in getting a copy of the law.

T/Cato – Mr. Lloyd updated the group on the status of a subdivision on Fire Lane 6. The Planning Board sent it to the ZBA for an interpretation and the ZBA sent it back without a decision telling them to do what they think is best.

Other Matters:

No other matters were identified.

Presentation on Sterling Nature Center Visioning

Presented by: Jim D'Angelo, Director of Sterling Nature Center

The Sterling Nature Center's (SNC) Visioning was conducted over 5 meetings and was facilitated by Amy D'Angelo of the Cayuga County Planning Department. The goal of the visioning was to gather information to be used in the development of a functional management plan for the nature center.

The meetings were very helpful by giving an opportunity for the public to express their ideas. By developing a vision and goal statements for SNC, it helped to determine which projects and objectives should be given priority and how those projects fit into the big picture for SNC.

Tour of the Sterling Nature Center's Heron Rookery

Presented by: Jim D'Angelo, Director of Sterling Nature Center

Jim D'Angelo gave a guided walk to the Heron Rookery for those interested. Some of the Great Blue Heron young were half-the size of the adults, while some parents were still sitting on the nests. It is a large rookery with about 60 nests.

The next meeting will be on October 5, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Legislative Chambers on the 6th Floor of the County Office Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.