

MINUTES
CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
April 21, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm in Conference Room 1 of the Cayuga-Onondaga Board of Cooperative Education at 1879 Genesee Street Road in Auburn, NY.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Each member introduced himself or herself.

NEW BUSINESS: ISSUES OF COUNTYWIDE IMPORTANCE

1. Countywide Plan for Agriculture and Farmland Protection: The County is gearing up for its first countywide planning effort since the 1997 Land Use Plan. The 18 month process will culminate in a sweeping update of the 1996 County Plan for Agriculture and Farmland Protection. It is expected to, among other things, provide a framework for countywide purchase of development rights activities, explore the possibility of a transfer of development rights scheme and identify key strategies for agricultural economic development. County Planning Board Members will undoubtedly be asked to participate as the process moves forwards.

- 3.2. Up-Coming Countywide Events: Information was distributed about the Marcellus Shale informational meeting, the tire collection event and the electronics collection event.

LOCAL STATUS REPORTS

T/ Montezuma - Montezuma is working with state officials on developing a package of incentives and taxes on idle industrial lands in town in an attempt to revitalize neglected industrial parcels.

T/ Cato - Cato is working with the Cayuga County Planning Department on putting together a plan for agriculture and farmland protection for the town. It is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

T/ Niles – Niles has finished its comprehensive plan and is now focusing on implementing it especially as it relates to lake shore development.

T/ Summerhill – Summerhill has continued to work on its comprehensive plan and has a public hearing scheduled. They have been updating all of their town laws, are considering tax incentives for small businesses to start up in town, have been participating in the planning for the Route 90 reconstruction and activities surrounding the clean-up of the Fall Creek watershed.

T/ Aurelius – Is finishing up its Farmland Protection Plan and continues to work on the Saratoga Cheese Project.

T/ Conquest – Conquest has had some concern about the potential for a change in the FEMA Flood Rate Insurance Maps in town that would expand the 1% and 0.2% flood zones.

V/ Cayuga – Cayuga is working on a \$6 million dollar waste water treatment plant project. They have received \$60k from the Department of State's Waterfront Revitalization Grant Program to develop a comprehensive plan which, among many other issues, they would like to address economic development in the Village. On Saturday August 7, the Village will have a big waterfront festival with music and fireworks.

T/ Sterling – Finished its Comp Plan!

V/ Fair Haven – The addition to the Fair Haven Fire House is complete and the comprehensive plan is done. A Village historical advisory committee has formed and the sewer project continues. Currently the sewer project is on hold because of State funding.

T/ Genoa – Genoa continues its work on its comprehensive plan, an effort that has been going strong for two years now. Issues that they are addressing include: increasing residential pressure from Ithaca, reconciling this increase in residential demand with the desire to maintain a strong agricultural base (76% of the land in Genoa is tillable), cultivating small businesses (currently there are 76 businesses in Genoa), and the potential future need for wastewater treatment. It is expected that the process will continue on for a while as the planning committee seeks to get input from as many stakeholders as possible including surrounding towns. Also, an organic distillery has begun construction near the Genoa-Venice townline and will demand 200,000 bushels of organic wheat per year.

T/ Owasco – Owasco continues to work on the sewer upgrade project at Melrose and Archie (?) Street. Litter has been identified as a major problem in Owasco & on May 22nd the town has organized a litter cleanup day.

T/ Brutus & V/ Weedsport – The town and village have started talking about doing a comprehensive plan. They have completed their plan for agriculture, have continued to work with the Village Heights subdivision and are trying to come up with a way to deal with flag lots.

V/ Union Springs – The village is continuing its work on its zoning code revisions

T/ Mentz & V/ Port Byron – The town and village have a working draft of a comprehensive plan and a renovated Inn in the middle of downtown Port Byron that is looking for an Innkeeper.

T/ Sennett – Sennett has experienced many changes in its Town Board and Planning Board, they are now charging a flat rate for permits and they are expecting a new Nissan dealership in town.

T/ Scipio – Scipio continues its work on its comprehensive plan and expects it to be complete by July or August.

T/ Victory – Victory is continuing its work on their Comprehensive Plan, it is now nearing completion.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

Internal business was tabled due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.