

**MINUTES**  
**CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
**July 21, 2010**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm 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. Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NE-SARE) Grant for Land Use Projects: SARE will be accepting applications for project funding for innovative projects that would strengthen the position of sustainable agriculture as it affects community development. These proposals should enhance and integrate the economic, social and environmental position of farms and farmers as key constituents within their communities. Proposals must address one of the following key issues: finance, marketing, land use, water use, enterprise development, value-added activities and labor. Examples of land use projects include zoning ordinances, the consideration of agricultural soils in development and the status of agriculture in land-use decision making.
  
2. New Cayuga County Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Executive Director – Terry Masterson: According to the CEDA website: “The Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) is pleased to announce Terence (Terry) Masterson as the organization’s first executive director. As director, Masterson will work to foster an improved and sustainable quality of life in Cayuga County through job retention, expansion, and attraction. His efforts will contribute to the economic development of Cayuga County by creating job opportunities, strengthening the tax base, and diversifying the County’s economic foundations.

A lifelong New York State resident, Masterson’s career has focused on the development of local and regional economies. Masterson has worked on behalf of Westchester County since 1989, and formerly served as Executive Director of the Westchester Partnership for Economic Development, an agency chartered to provide economic development services within Westchester County. During his tenure, Masterson created “Team Westchester,” a unified alliance of state, county and local professionals focused on securing retention and relocation projects. Masterson was also a partner in the formation of “Team Hudson Valley,” an alliance of Westchester, Dutchess and Orange Counties designed to market the Hudson Valley as a premier business location. Additionally, Masterson worked on the formation of a \$750,000 Small Business Revolving Loan Fund.”

3. Update from Bruce Natale: Bruce Natale gave the Board an update on solid waste issues throughout the County.

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## LOCAL STATUS REPORTS

T/ Brutus – The new sewage plant, located next to the old sewage plant, is up and running. The town and village have had a number of small subdivisions. There continues to be interest in a comprehensive plan but progress has been slow.

T/Niles – The comprehensive plan is finished and has been approved. There hasn't been much development in town recently and the town is expecting for that trend to continue. The town is wary of renovations that involve the removal of large amounts of fill, especially when the fill is being removed very close to the lake.

T/ Summerhill - The town has completed a comprehensive plan after 10 months of work. The plan will soon be sent to the County for review and it is expected that the Town will approve it. The planning process was conducted by the planning board without the help of a consultant. In addition, the town has revised many of its local laws and has submitted many new local laws to its attorney.

T/Conquest – The town is interested in a zoning code.

T/Sterling – With the comprehensive plan finished, the town is now gearing up for a revision of its zoning laws

V/ Aurora – The zoning code for the village was revised several years ago and the planning board is finding that some of the provisions from the old code are missing from the new code. The planning board is investigating why these provisions were not transitioned into the new code.

T/ Cato – Cato is continuing its work on a Plan for Agriculture and Farmland Protection, and has begun to look at the subdivision and zoning ordinances with an eye toward preserving the Town's farmland.

T/ Scipio – The town is continuing to work on its comprehensive plan and expects a draft at the end of August.

V/ Union Springs – The village is continuing to work on its zoning code and expects to wrap the revisions up by Fall. They are interested in expanding sidewalk access throughout the village.

T/ Sennett – The town has undergone a number of changes in the last year and is now starting to catch its stride. The codes officer is now charging a flat rate for permits which seems to be working well. Also, LeBrun Motors has decided to locate in Sennett.

T/ Owasco – The sewer project is almost complete – currently a pumping station is the only holdup. The Town Supervisor, John Klink, has established a water quality committee that includes the supervisors from all of the towns that border Owasco Lake. The town has also begun the process for adopting a phosphorus ban in the portion of the town that drains into Owasco Lake.

T/ Victory – Victory has completed its Comprehensive Plan and are now looking to update its zoning code. There has been a PDD zone change request for the Northeast Christian Conference Center in the town.

T/ Genoa – The comprehensive planning committee has taken the summer off, but the wheat harvest festival is coming up and they are working on writing a draft of the inventory and analysis section of the plan.

### **INTERNAL BUSINESS**

1. 239 Review Committee Minutes: Minutes from the May, June and July meetings of the 239 l&m Committee were discussed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.