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1/15/97 Planning Board - Annual Dinner Meeting

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Location: Swain Ski Resort, Swain, New York

Present: Planning Board Members - C. Jessup, R. Hollis, L. Dibble, B. Dibble, F. Williams, P. Regan, R. Yanda, C. Ackley, R. Stuck, G. Bastian, M. Kear, S. Hooker and County Legislators - J. Walchli, Jr., J. Graffrath, E. Sherman, R. Bennett, E. Burdick and S. Myers, plus numerous spouses, county department heads and guests.

Tour: S. Hooker conducted a tour of Swain for those interested.

I. Welcome: Chairman C. Jessup welcomed everyone to the annual Planning Board Dinner

II. Invocation: F. Williams

III. Remarks: J. Walchli, Jr., Chairman of the Allegany County Board of Legislators, briefly explained how the county and the IDA were involved with the early beginnings of Swain. Robin Smith, current owner of Swain, was then introduced.

IV. Dinner: Roast beef buffet

V. Call to Order:

At 8:15 p.m., Planning Board Chairman, C. Jessup, called the group to order for a brief business meeting.

VI. Nominations:

At the request of C. Jessup, Nominating Committee Co-Chair., G. Bastian, reported that their committee wished to nominate C. Jessup as Chairman; R. Hollis as Vice Chair. and Lee Dibble as Secretary of the Planning Board for 1997. P. Regan moved that the nominations be closed. S. Hooker moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers that had been nominated. C. Ackley seconded the motion, which was carried.

VII. Committee Report:

Chairman C. Jessup asked Vice Chair. R. Hollis to report on the status of the Economic Development and Recreation Report which a sub-committee of the Planning Board has been working on for over two and one/half years. R. Hollis displayed a draft copy of this report and indicated that numerous items still have to be added to the report. These include an index, an appendix, and additional materials deemed necessary for inclusion by the sub-committee. Members of this sub-committee are C. Jessup, R. Hollis, L. Dibble, B. Dibble and K. Hollis.

VIII. Guest Speaker:

Steve Hooker introduced Mr. Mitch Osur, Ski Shop owner, and Mr. Robin Smith, President of Swain.

Mr. Smith enlightened his audience with the scope and complex considerations which are necessary for running a ski resort. In the process, Mr. Smith informed us of some interesting and unique facts pertaining to Swain. For example, Swain is the oldest ski area in New York State that is still operating, that they employ 450 people at peak season and have a payroll of $1,000,000 in a four (4) month ski season. Swain anticipates between 145,000 to 165,000 skier visits per year; they have $8 million in fixed assets; $3 million in buildings and grounds and $2 million in snow making equipment. Mr. Smith emphasized that natural snow doesn't enter into the equation for a successful season; air temperature determines the feasibility of making snow. Ground crews work seven days a week around the clock in grooming the slopes. Mr. Smith stated that one of his biggest expenses is for electricity for running the air compressors needed for snow making. He anticipates an electric bill of $235,000 over a three month period. In making snow, Mr. Smith explained that they use 3 million gallons of water over an eight-hour shift and that water is actually borrowed because when the snow melts, it is returned to the environment. A bacterial additive, developed at Kodak, is used in making snow which is actually denser than natural snow. Numerous other facts and statistics enlightened the audience on the operation at Swain. In summation, Mr. Smith stated that he has three principle problems. These are:

1) weather and people's perception of the weather

2) demographics - age groups of skiers and the fast-growing sport of snow boarding

3) the cost of electricity which is staggering in NYS. Swain pays $.17 per KWH as compared to $.06/KW paid at other ski resorts outside NYS.

Mr. Smith concluded his remarks by stating that Allegany County has a great work ethic but an overwhelming tax burden which is double or triple that of other areas. It is the belief of Mr. Smith that Allegany County's future lies in the field of recreation and to a lesser extent, tourism. He noted that New York state markets regions and cautioned Allegany County about this tendency. Allegany County and the Southern Tier are undeveloped but have a pristine natural environment. We should market the beauty of our natural surroundings but focus on specific attractions according to Mr. Smith.

IX. Presentation:

John Walchli, Jr., Allegany County Chairman of the Board of Legislators, presented Mr. Robin Smith with a plaque in honor of fifty years of successful ski operations at Swain. Mr Walchli then briefly reviewed the program at Swain commenting particularly about the opportunities available for youngsters.

X. Conclusion:

A) Bill Dibble asked County Historian, Craig Braack, to explain the significance of postal covers/envelopes and special pictorial postal cancellations which are available for the Lost Nation Sled Dog Races at Centerville on February 15 and 16, 1997.

B) Numerous door prizes were distributed by Bill Dibble with the help of Mary Bastian.

C) Chairman Chuck Jessup thanked Robin smith for the great meal and fine hospitality at Swain.

D) The Benediction was offered by Frank Williams.

XI. Adjournment:

On a motion by C. Ackley and seconded by G. Bastian, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee G. Dibble

Lee G. Dibble
Secretary

2/19/97 Planning Board Minutes

Present: C. Jessup, L. Dibble, C. Ackley, M. Kear, K. Skinner, G. Bastian, F. Williams, G. Godshalk, R. Stuck, B. Dibble, P. Regan, R. Hollis

Excused: R. Yanda, S. Hooker

Absent: J. Sicker

Guests: S. Myers, Allegany Cty. Legislator; E. Sherman, Allegany Cty. Legislator, M. Bastian, K. Hollis, D. Napier - Village of Cuba, J. Peterson - Mayor of Cuba, J. Colligan - Town of Wellsville, D. Fanton - Town of Wellsville, J. Riley - Village of Cuba, R. Swift - Village of Cuba, D. Fleming - Town of Scio

1) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman C. Jessup

2) Minutes:

A) On a motion by C. Ackley, seconded by B. Dibble, the minutes of 12/18/96 were approved as presented.

B) On a motion by F. Williams, seconded by R. Hollis, the minutes of 1/15/97 were approved as presented.

3) Program:

NYSEG Corporate Planning and Rates (now de-regulated). Presenters - Henry Host-Steen with Fred Marks.

The speaker focused his presentation on the impact of de-regulation of electrical power which will allow the consumer to make his own choice on the supplier of electricity. This is analogous to choosing your telephone long distance service. The consumer can buy from a marketer or a supplier. Each corporation will serve its own territory but the customer may choose his own supplier of power. It is expected that this will result in lower rates. At this point, the Speaker, Henry Host-Steen, proceeded to review the background of events which has led to these developments. Mr. Host-Steen outlined the financial situation; i.e. NYSEG's revenues of $1.5 billion per year, and that to be competitive, a drop of 30% is the expectation! This led to an examination of how NYSEG can lower its revenue by $500 million, improve its efficiency, lower labor costs, provide a profit margin for its investors and still continue to do business.

feedback by mid March, as he wants it out by September and expects to schedule public hearings for July and August. The Advisory Comittee's Plan for Economic Strategies and the planning board sub-committee's report on Recreational and Economic Development were perceived by M. Kear as integral parts of this overall plan. He also wants to develop a design handbook with samples of local ordinances on site plans, subdivisions, etc. as part of the county plan.

B) The death of Darlene Thompson (former Secretary in the Economic Development, Planning and Tourism Department) on 2/15/97 was noted. A possible donation to the Belfast Emergency Squad or Cancer Society was suggested. M. Kear will explore these possibilities for our next meeting.

C) B. Dibble described the HUD Canal Corridor Initiative (Resolution 10-97) and how we could possibly become eligible for funding. A National Heritage Corridor for the thirty (30) mile reach of the Genesee Valley Canal is another possibility currently being explored. If successful, this would promote economic development and tourism.

D) The successful efforts of the 2nd Annual Lost Nation Sled Dog Races near Centerville were commended. Bigger crowds and better weather were duly noted, while the suggestion was made that there should be expanded areas for cross-country skiers. A third annual race is being planned - dates are January 10, and 11, 1998.

5) Adjournment:

On a motion by C. Ackley, seconded by B. Dibble, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee G. Dibble
Secretary

J. Margeson

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Planning Board Minutes: 3/19/97

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Present: C. Jessup, L. Dibble, B. Dibble, R. Hollis, R. Stuck, R. Yanda, F. Williams, C. Ackley, P. Regan, S. Hooker

Excused: G. Godshalk

Absent: G. Bastian, J. Sicker, K. Skinner, M. Kear

Guest: K. Hollis

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Jessup at 7:30 p.m.

2) Minutes: On a motion by R. Hollis, seconded by B. Dibble, the minutes of 2/19/97 were approved as presented.

3) Correspondence: None

4) Reports:

A) Chairman C. Jessup will call M. Kear in reference to the memorial for Darlene Thompson.

B) M. Kear left the message that he wants comments on the master plan. He will meet with us, consult on the phone, etc.

C) Chairman C. Jessup advised the planning board that the Economic Development and Recreation Review is ready for the printer except for one map and weather date. P. Regan noted that M. Kear has an updated computer with ARC info which could print a copy of an Allegany County map. The map should depict rivers and streams, roads, towns, villages, etc. P. Regan will see Mike on 3/20/97 on the map situation.

D) B. Dibble reported on several grant possibilities as itemized below:

1) ISTEA Grant for national recreational trails. B. Dibble suggested that Allegany County should apply for the Oil Spring Park. The deadline is 4/30/97. The maximum amount is $70,000 and requires a 50-50 match which can be in kind services. A grant application for the Oil Spring already exists but needs to be updated and formatted.

2) The River Trail is in the process of being transferred to the NYS-DEC as it is now free of litigation. The suggestion was made to apply for a grant to provide for handicapped fishing access and the creation of fitness stations possibly in conjunction with Jones Memorial Hospital.

2) RG&E will use the co-gen for peak power demands only. This makes operation of the greenhouse very uncertain. However, a great deal of work on the greenhouse seems to have been done by General Electric in recent weeks.

3) The cost ration (investment) to employment (number of jobs) is very high for these facilities.

B) The status for building new state prisons was reviewed. Friendship's proposed state prison was bid-ready in 1990-1991 and ranked #1. Now it is ranked #2. Romulus is now ranked #1.

C) A telecommunications update projected by Micro-Soft states that satellites will carry these communications by the year 2000. Rick Hollis reported on an inquiry he made to Citizens Telecom in which he was told that they have no plans at the present for providing access to the Internet in Allegany County. R. Stuck informed us that the EDZ at Friendship can have access to fiber at a cost of $16,000 plus equipment.

6) New Business:

A) Chairman Jessup reported on the financial package offered to Corning, Inc. to locate its new Opto-Electronics components plant (a $50 million facility) in the Town of Erwin. Contributors to this package include the Empire State Development Corporation, Steuben County, the Steuben County IDA and the Town of Erwin. The total value is in excess of $6 million while Corning, Inc. has promised 300-500 new jobs. Further details will be provided at a later date.

B) S. Hooker asked if the County Planning Board has any feeling/opinion on school mergers. This was asked due to the current difficulties being experienced with the proposed Canaseraga-Arkport merger. A discussion on the reasons for and results of various school mergers ensued. C. Jessup noted that economics usually prompted the mergers but that a study done on eight (8) mergers showed that not one reduced the cost per student. Other comments included the idea that Allegany County only needed one to three (1-3) schools with one Superintendent and one business office. Other school proposals from the past were also reviewed and the two recent mergers of Bolivar-Richburg and Cuba-Rushford were noted.

C) S. Hooker reported on his Spring Open House for showing manufactured housing. Nine (9) houses were shown to 750 visitors resulting in the sale of eleven (11) homes. Two other statistics quoted by Steve included the fact that 34% of new housing in N.Y.S. were manufactured housing and that 46% of new homes in Allegany and Steuben Counties were manufactured housing.

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Planning Board Minutes 6/18/97

Present: C. Jessup, R. Hollis, L. Dibble, R. Yanda, C. Ackley, P. Regan, R. Stuck, B. Dibble, F. Williams

Excused: S. Hooker, G. Godshalk, M. Kear

Absent: G. Bastian, K. Skinner, J. Sicker

Guest Speaker: Charles Kalthoff

Guest: K. Hollis

I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman C. Jessup.

II. **Minutes**: On a motion by F. Williams and seconded by B. Dibble, the minutes for the May 17, 1997 meeting were accepted as presented.

III. **Correspondence**:

A. David Church has indicated by letter that he can present a program {"Planning Without Zoning") on September 17, 1997. On a motion by B. Dibble and seconded by R. Hollis, it was agreed to plan for David Church's presentation in September.

IV. **Guest Speaker**: Charles Kalthoff from ACCORD.

C. Kalthoff explained that ACCORD is a 501-C-3 community action agency for Allegany County. They are primarily concerned with writing grants, have sixty (60) full-time employees and brought in $3,000,000 last year from state and federal sources. Activities in which ACCORD participates include the following:

1. Housing: Renovation and rehabilitation
2. EDZ Partnership (Economic Development Zone at Friendship
3. Carl Peterson's Employment and Training Office - they share clients, grant writing efforts i.e. writing a grant for computer assistance for needy families and a grant for five (5) towns for computer training in the "Old" Neighborhood Based Alliance.
4. Small Business Development - HUD micro enterprise grant which now has a revolving loan fund.
5. ACCORD is available for grants' projects - particularly for social service programs, housing and economic development. One example is the HUD Small Cities Program which has a consolidated plan for infrastructure such as sewer, water, housing, etc.

C. Kalthoff further described the advantages of having a consolidated plan, the fact that $50,000,000 ($50 million) is available from Syracuse West for economic development and that having our own plan would mean that we don't have to defer to the state plan. As far as

ACCORD is concerned, Mr. Kalthoff indicated that they want to satellite their offices by establishing six (6) project offices around the county. It has been his experience that Allegany County has a high need but everybody (diverse agencies) work together which creates a good working environment. HUD is now more receptive to doing projects involving more than one municipality. ACCORD Board is tripartite: one-third elected officials, one-third clients and one-third community representatives.

V. **Reports**:

A. Bill Dibble reported on a Rural New York Planning Grant Program through the New York Planning Federation which has grants for mapping and software. These can serve as models for other communities but needs local government support. The deadline is July 15, 1997; the application is one page; the maximum amount is $5,000 and can be used as a match for other funds.

B. Bill Dibble reported on how cable providers can increase revenues for the areas they serve. Larry Monroe deals with municipalities for cable systems in helping them get their fair share.

C. Pat Regan reported that STEDO is looking for available businesses for loans. Tom Barnes at STW is the person to contact re: Southern Tier Enterprise Development Organization.

VI. **Old Business**:

A. 1997 survey to be conducted at the Allegany County Fair: Five questions were decided on. Julie Marshall (re: Mike Kear's office) will be asked to type them and make 1500 copies. C. Jessup will check on stickers.

VII. **New Business**:

A. There will be no July meeting of the Allegany County Planning Board on a motion by Bill Dibble and seconded by R. Yanda - carried.

B. The Annual Planning Board Picnic will be the third Wednesday in August (August 20, 1997). Bonnie Blair Coundit, owner of the Block Barn, and Craig Braack will share the program. An effort will be made to invite a number of horse people. For the location of the picnic, a motion to have it at the Angelica Conservation Club (first choice) or the Rushford Conservation Club (second choice) was made by Bill Dibble, seconded by R. Yanda and carried. M. Kear will coordinate the arrangements.

C. C. Jessup will work with M. Kear to coordinate publicity for the September planning board meeting with David Church. Invitations will be sent to Supervisors and Town Clerks. A note will be sent out immediately to advise these officials of the 9/17/97 meeting.

VIII. **Adjournment**:

On a motion by C. Ackley and seconded by R. Hollis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee G. Dibble

Lee G. Dibble
Secretary

J. Margeson

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Present: C. Jessup, L. Dibble, B. Dibble, G. Godshalk, F. Williams, R. Hollis, C. Ackley, R. Stuck, R. Yanda, P. Regan

Excused: S. Hooker, M. Kear

Absent: G. Bastian, J. Sicker, K. Skinner

Guest: K. Hollis

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman C. Jessup.

2. **Minutes**: - On a motion by F. Williams, seconded by R. Stuck, the minutes were approved with one correction - Item 6, Page 2: The Travis Lot is located north of the Allegany County Fairgrounds.

3. **Correspondence**:

A. M. Kear (absent) had reported to C. Jessup earlier that he had received nothing of importance.

B. C. Jessup reported on two items:

1. Letter from H.U.D. re: the Canal Corridor Initiative (NOFA) stating that Allegany County will now be eligible in any future competitions. The National Park Service (NPS) will market the Canal Corridor Project. This could mean up to $5-$6 million per year.

2. S.T.W. announcement of the Local Government Conference on May 15, 1997 at Houghton College. No money was allocated for Planning Board members to attend this conference but P. Regan will consult with Ed Burdick, Chairman of Ways and Means on this matter.

4. **Miscellaneous concerns**:

1. Small Business Report, distributed by C. Jessup, indicated that NYS businesses grew by 5.6%, but the cost of goods increased by 12% for a negative growth factor of 6.4%. This led to an observation that a Quebec firm is looking at Plattsburg Air Force Base as a site for refurbishing planes.

J. Margeson

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Planning Board Minutes 8/20/97

Present: C. Ackley, R. Hollis, R. Yanda, R. Stuck, B. Dibble, G. Bastian, P. Regan, F. Williams, C. Jessup, M. Kear, L. Dibble

Absent: J. Sicker, K. Skinner, G. Godshalk

Excused: S. Hooker

I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Jessup.

II. **Correspondence**: A letter of application from Kenneth Skuba re: building a concrete plant asking for approval of the Allegany County Planning Board was the sole purpose for this meeting. On a motion by R. Stuck and seconded by P. Regan the planning board found no problem with this proposal - it should be allowed to proceed. Motion was carried.

III. **Adjournment**: On a motion by C. Ackley and seconded by R. Yanda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee G. Dibble

Lee G. Dibble
Secretary

J. Margeson

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Planning Board - 10/15/97

Present: C. Jessup, F. Williams, R. Hollis, C. Ackley, R. Stuck, L. Dibble, R. Yanda, M. Kear, S. Hooker, P. Regan, B. Dibble

Absent: K. Skinner, G. Godshalk, J. Sicker

Excused: G. Bastian

I. **Call to Order:** Chairman C. Jessup called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

II. **Minutes:** On a motion by R. Hollis and seconded by F. Williams, the minutes of the 9/17/97 meeting were approved with one change: Gary Bastian was excused in September, not absent.

III. **Correspondence:**

A. A letter from STW was reviewed re: ARC applications for grants on projects. Pat Regan led a general discussion of STW and ARC resources.

A motion to support the Wellsville Industrial Park was made by R. Yanda and seconded by P. Regan - carried.

B. M. Kear reported that Ag District #10 is up for review. New legislation allows for the extension of review dates up to four (4) years. Ag District #10 could tie in with Ag District #7. The review period is three hundred (300) days now. The anniversary date is June 10th; review period is effective November 2nd. A letter will be sent to Ag and Markets to have Ag District #10 extend its review period for possible combining with Ag Districts #7 or #14. This can be a protection from Eminent Domain. A motion to draft a resolution to extend the anniversary date for Ag District #10 was made by F. Williams and seconded by B. Dibble and carried.

C. M. Kear reported lots of interest in the Bond Act. The deadline for applications was 10/15/97. The Waste Water Treatment applications deadline was 10/20/97. This has a 50:50 match with a five year duration. There may be applications from Richburg and Andover.

D. STEDO Board is looking for good loan applications from Allegany County.

E. Various comments on Sugar Hill were voiced and a possible tie in with the EDZ as a link to jobs was mentioned.

IV. **New Business:**

A. Chairman C. Jessup proposed the development of a growth management plan focused on watersheds, roads or thoroughfares and existing infrastructure. Alfred might be a good place to start, do the study and then move on to other areas of the county. Swain, Garwoods and Canaseraga need a sewer authority, for example. With this proposal, all local entities (municipalities) keep their local authority and government identity. This is financially feasible. Engineers could help. The example of Bolton Point was cited.

B. R. ~~Stuck~~ Hollis proposed a study of transportation corridors, i.e. - Routes 417, 19, 17, 305, etc. A brainstorming session for infrastructure and economic development could be scheduled. The HUD Plan might help us with the Cattaraugus County Study of Route #219 and also the study of Route #16 which was done there. This led to a discussion of possible areas for consideration and the observation that it would increase the value of property from $1,000/acre to $10,000/acre. A meeting is scheduled for October 20th at Franklinville re: the Route #16 study. It was decided by consensus to obtain the Route #17 Corridor Study from STW. Input from local areas will be solicited; each area will retain its local identity and control and this will be a tool for them to use. Opposition may center around needs for money and the fear of not knowing where this will lead.

C. S. Hooker reported that both Swain Ski Center and the Sierra (at Swain) are interested in hosting the Planning Board's annual banquet. No decision will be made until later.

V. **Adjournment:** On a motion by C. Ackley and seconded by S. Hooker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee G. Dibble

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Secretary

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Planning Board Minutes - 11/18/97

Present: C. Jessup, L. Dibble, B. Dibble, M. Kear, J. Sicker, R. Hollis, R. Yanda, R. Stuck, G. Godshalk, K. Skinner, P. Regan

Excused: G. Bastian, C. Ackley

Absent: F. Williams, S. Hooker

Guests: Thomas Sartori and Harold Keech from Conrail:
Art Van Tyne, Robert Sanders, Ed Faust

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Jessup at 7:35 p.m.

2. **Minutes**: On a motion by R. Hollis and seconded by R. Stuck the minutes of the October 15, 1997 meeting were approved with one correction. Correction: New Business (IV) Part B - should read R. Hollis proposed a study of transportation routes---(Line 1).

3. **Guest Speakers**: Harold Keech and Mr. Sartori both reported that there is interest in keeping the rail line going and that they were interested in generating some business to accomplish this. Mr. Keech briefly reviewed some recent history in reference to the rail line; i.e. washouts, the flood of '72 and Conrail's general disinterest in doing business with small shippers. Then they described the situation with Norfolk and Southern which wants to salvage this line. Mr. Sartori, Trainmaster with Conrail, related that 22% of Norfolk and Southern's business is with the small shippers or customers. Their profits exceed CSX. Mr. Sartori explained the advantages that Norfolk and Southern will gain by acquiring the old Erie line through the Southern Tier. This will enable them to ship straight through without going through Buffalo. Mr. Sartori reviewed the advantages of shipping certain items by rail; for example - cars, chemicals, containers, etc. Mr. Sartori reported that Norfolk and Southern has a good reputation for safety both for shipping freight and for their employees. This railroad is run " by the book" and is very strict. Next, the Surface Transportation Board must approve the sale of Conrail to Norfolk and Southern. If the sale is approved, various improvements along the line may be expected; for example, at the Portage Bridge. The Erie-Lackawanna never had any high or wide restrictions which makes it a very desirable route. Mr. Sartori reported that Norfolk and Southern got 58% of the Conrail holdings while CSX got quality pieces to the big shipping centers.

4. **Correspondence**: M. Kear reported on a five (5) year $5,885,000 plan for capital improvements at the Wellsville Airport. Federal funding will be $5,296,500; State $294,250 and local $294,250. On a motion by R. Hollis and seconded by Bill Dibble, the Planning Board approved sending a letter of support for this project.

5. **New Business**: M. Kear reported on the need to have an educational type meeting re: the construction of the new 36" gas pipeline which will be routed across Allegany County. On a motion by B. Dibble and seconded by R. Hollis, the Planning Board voted to sponsor such a meeting in January or February in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension. This project is called Millennium. People who are concerned about this project will be invited to the meeting. The Department of Ag. And Markets will make the arrangements.

6. **Old Business**: R. Hollis inquired about the Planning Board Survey which was conducted at the Allegany County Fair. To date, the results have not been tabulated.

7. **New Business**:

A. On a motion by R. Yanda and seconded by R. Stuck, the Planning Board voted to have their annual dinner at the Swain Ski Center on January 21, 1998.

B. A brief discussion ensued on the importance of the railroad. B. Dibble suggested reaching out (east and west) to garner support. R. Stuck voiced his concern that the railroad might put several local, small trucking firms out of business. P. Regan reported that the Southern Tier counties were being asked to contribute funds ($5,000 each) to STW to support litigation in this matter.

8. **Adjournment**: On a motion by R. Hollis (in the absence of C. Ackley) and seconded by B. Dibble, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee G. Dibble

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Secretary