

October 15, 1998

Minutes from the first Swain development meeting

Key issues discussed in order:

I. Zoning

- *Need to clean up the town of Swain
- *Trash clean up
- *Abandoned vehicles
- *Look into building codes
- *Application of laws

Julie Marshall (Director, Economical Development) will look into money available to improve the appearance of the town.

II. Ski & Snowboard Area Management's vision for Swain:

*Improve the ski center. Bring it back to where it was 3-4 years ago. Get it economically viable again.

*Need to do more than just skiing. Need to go to a year round facility.
For example:

- *Convention center
- *Cross country skiing
- *snowmobiling

- *Water park
- *Horseback riding
- *Hiking
- *Mountain bike trails
- *Golf course

In the winter months, snowmobiling will be the key to our success.

Need to work with the state to turn state owned properties into 1 park. Need highway department's assistance for access.

*In the summer, horseback riding on trails. Let riders leave their trailers in our lot and go off and camp and ride.

*Look for a better route for snowmobile trail

In order to grow the area, eventually would like to see business development such as:

*Café

*Brew pub

*Art development

*Sidewalks

*Antique shops

Need help from town, county and state

III. Creek issue

*Needs to be cleaned out

*Over grown

*Tends to overflow during rainy weather

*Raw sewage problem

*Eventually could be a trout fishing attraction.

*Fly fishing attraction.

IV. Grade crossing in need of repair

*Complaint from schools and skiers

*County needs to be contacted about problem

*Norfolk Southern may want to do something with economical development

V. Grove Town Hall

*Swain would like to do something about building

*Space is needed for parking spaces

*Possible relocation/re-build with Swain Ski Centers assistance

Bill Norton (Town Supervisor of Grove) would like to do something with the building. (The space has no bathroom, only 1 outlet- it's not really meeting their needs) Will talk further about moving it.

VI. Tourism

- *Matching funds available for marketing from state
- *Wants to work more closely with Swain
- *Welcomes working with Swain

Comments from John Walchli – (Chairman, Board of Legislators in Allegany County)

VII. Directional signs to Swain

- *Need destination type sign on Rt. 17 (example: Allegany Recreation Area")
- *Will help town economically

Glenn Meteer (NYS Department of Transportation, Real Estate Officer) will try to help. Money needs to be involved.

Bill Norton will contact NYSEG about continuing lights to the edge of Main Street to give better visibility coming into Swain in the evening.

VIII. Federal funding issue

- *Make the case that this would be a tourism destination
- *Office of Parks can come up with something to make this happen
- *Some of this is signage
- *Financially state and town can work together-tourism matching program

Comments from **Luke Rich** – Empire State Dev.

VIII. In order to move forward, we need to know the following:

1. How to market the existing Swain and it's development.
2. Make sure we are in sync with the town. Decide to jointly clean up the town.
3. Figure out how to move the town hall. We need to gain control of the land it's on.
4. Work with the D.E.C. and county to make 4 pieces of land 1 recreational area.

John Walchli (Chairman, Board of Legislators in Allegany County) would like to meet with the partners of Swain, the town board and his developers to begin intensively planning.

He will ask the Health Department to target areas that have problems with septic.

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Walchli	Legislator, District IV Chairman, Board of Legislators
Julie Marshall	Director of Economic Development
Luke Rich	Empire State Development
Glenn Meteer	N.Y.S. Department of Transportation, Real Estate Officer
Robert Heineman	Allegany County legislature
Mark Schuerman	Regional Director, Empire State Development
Doug Weins	Partner of Swain Ski & Snowboard Center
Phil Saunders	Partner of Swain Ski & Snowboard Center
Gary Profetta	Partner of Swain Ski & Snowboard Center
Rodney Bennett	Majority Leader of County Legislature
William A. Norton	Town Supervisor of the town of Grove
Dan Hamill	Member of the board of the town of Grove
Tim Doolittle	Upstate Regional Director
Mary-Elizabeth Schwartz	Sales Representative, Swain Ski & Snowboard Center
Doug Holler	General Manager, Swain Ski & Snowboard Center