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Chairman: Ronald Stuck * Vice-Chairman: Charles Jessup * Secretary: Lee Gridley

Allegany Planning Board Minutes: January 18, 2006

Present: Lee Gridley, Wendall Brown, Kate Hollis, Rick Hollis [also representing Assemblyman Dan Burling], Duke Ackley, Ron Stuck, Chuck Jessup,

Excused: Tom Hayden

Absent: Dale Foster

Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist; Tom Buttafarro – Representing Assemblyman Joe Giglio; George Fillgrove – Representing Senator Cathy Young; Curtis Crandall – Chairman of the Legislature; Glenn Benson – Legislator; William Dibble – Legislator; Dwight Fanton – Legislator; Ted Hopkins – Legislator; Michael McCormick – Legislator; Brent Reynolds – Legislator; Norman Ungerman – Legislator; Craig Clark - Mayor of Alfred; Robert Morford – Mayor of Almond; James Cretekos – Supervisor Town of Wellsville; Barb Deming – Supervisor Town of Cuba; Donald Hoffman – Supervisor Town of West Almond; Craig Braack – Historian; Robert Ellis, Anna Morford; Ruth Benson; Cathy Crandall; Shirley Dibble; Carolynn Fillgrove; Linda Fanton; Judy Hopkins; Christine Joyce; Bonita Reynolds; Tom Reuning; John Reuning; Calvin Graves; Barb Graves; Kathyrn Ross – Wellsville Daily Reporter; John Foels - Office of Development/IDA Director; Melissa Murray; Patience Reagan; Priscilla Brown; Kathleen Hill.

Location: Moonwinks Restaurant, Cuba

Call to Order:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM.

Committees:

Nominating Committee. Duke Ackley presented the recommendations for the election of Officers as follows:

Chairman:	Ron Stuck
Vice-Chairman:	Charles Jessup
Secretary:	Lee Gridley
Assistant Secretary:	Kate Hollis

No further nominations were made.

Rick Hollis moved to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot for said nominations. 2nd by Wendall Brown. All in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

On a motion by D. Ackley, and seconded by R. Hollis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Gridley

Lee Gridley, Secretary

Presentation: Dale Beebee presented to the group his bicycle ride across the United States done in 2005 from Los Angeles, California to Yorktown, Virginia.

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: February 15, 2006

Present: Lee Gridley, Kate Hollis, Rick Hollis, Duke Ackley, Ron Stuck, Dale Foster
Excused: Wendall Brown, Chuck Jessup
Absent: Tom Hayden
Guests: Kier Dirlam - Planning Specialist; John Foels Director - Allegany County Development; Robert Ellis; Kathleen Hill, Deb Aumick
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Belmont

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

MINUTES:

On a motion by L. Gridley and 2nd by R. Hollis the minutes from December 21st were approved with corrections on page 3 Reports section I: "Hills" change to Hill, and "Kier Dirlam will send a letter on or before January 2, 2006, to the Chair of the Board of Legislators requesting the appointment of Planning Board members whose terms have expired or the appointment of new members as indicated above (part F)." should be removed from text.

On a motion by R. Hollis and a 2nd by L. Gridley the minutes from January 18th were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Various newsletters, magazines and general information were reviewed and shared with the Planning Board.

April 26, 2006 a seminar concerning Trails will be held in Rochester.

A survey on trails in the County was received from Parks and Trails NY. Survey will be completed by K. Dirlam.

R. Hollis commented that one of the magazines being shared; "Rural Futures" had an article concerning the availability of Internet access via power lines for rural areas. There are two laws pending to study affordable Internet needs of rural areas. The Planning Board members are encouraged to contact their County Legislators to encourage this topic be studied and then implemented.

REPORTS:

Annual Report

The 2005 Allegany County Annual Report was shared with the Board members. The document was sent to the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Environmental Notice Bulletin

There have been no Allegany County notes in the last two months in the ENB.

Intergovernmental Review Reports:

DEC applications for funding were reviewed. No Allegany County IRP's were recorded. It was noted that there were several reports for grants to investigate safety of dams on Native American Land and for improving boat access. Duke Ackely stated that there have been some improvements made to the launch area at Cuba Lake.

Southern Tier West Report:

Noted that they had a group from GITA working with Emergency Management folks next week. This selected group of invitees will work on disaster simulations to improve identify improvement opportunities in this area for the represented areas. Also noted that they expect to receive in excess of $300,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission for administrative costs of STW. A Wind Energy Toolbox Program to help communities learn how to address concerns when developing a wind energy plan will be developed using a $50,000/year grant.

Town/Village Planning Boards:

B. Ellis reported that the Town of Amity has created a planning Board. The names were given to K. Dirlam for recording in the database. No other Town or Village Planning Board minutes were received.

Time Capsule:

L. Gridley reported that another mailing to get items from the Towns and Villages was sent. Some Towns have sent in wonderful packets including maps and photos, many have sent nothing. Towns will be able to set up a display at the Fairgrounds during the Bicentennial Celebration.

Law Review Committee:

There has not been any correspondence from the Allegany County Attorney concerning the revisions made to the Allegany County Planning Board Bylaws. The County Attorney has had the corrections since May 2005 and has not responded to our request to review the proposed changes so that the law can be approve by this Board and sent on to the Allegany County Legislature. Ron noted that nothing new has been received on the By-Laws and that we are going to simply update them and approve them for use.

Hospitality Committee:

Special thanks to C. Jessup for working diligently on getting the extra mailings out. The meal was delicious and there were 55 attendees. D. Foster noted that the slippery surface of Co Rte 31 put him off the road and over a bank. Luckily for him (and the Planning Board), a passerby stopped to assist him. Unfortunately, he was not able to join us at the dinner.

Report from John Foels, Development Director:

1. **USDA Grant**: The County has turned down an offer from Southern Tier West for a $100,000 grant because they required a $75,000 cash match that isn't in the county budget. Also, the results of the project did not appear to warrant this level of funding for the amount of results that were expected.
2. **Covered Wagon** plans to begin construction in Spring 2006.
3. **Cuba Hospital Retirement Community** is continuing in development. A meeting of NYS Senator C. Young, NYS Assemblyman J. Gilio, Town Supervisor and Mayor was productive by bringing to light infrastructure needs which need to be addressed. These will eventually require about $15 million in improvements in order for the Village of Cuba to become up to date.
4. **Crossroads**: The Water Park is still in development and adjacent retail is under consideration of the crossroads area.
5. **Friendship** is considering creating a new sewer & water district to extend along CR 20.
6. **Swain** is moving along with their plans for a new hotel. Development efforts include how to pay to relocate the Town Hall off the existing site.
7. **Water and sewer in County.** R. Stuck suggested to J. Foels that in the plans to provide water to the Crossroads and Co Rte 20 area that the ability to expand the system be included. The Consolidate HUD Plan needs to be updated to include this information. J. Foels stated that much of the water infrastructure in the County is very old. R Stuck said that when Friendship updated its water and sewer system many residents left and Friendship had many properties end up as rentals.
8. **Plans for the Crossroads.** J. Foels stated that when the plans are finalized, he will return to share them with the Planning Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Ag District:

R. Stuck said that Fred Sinclair, Allegany County Soil and Water, notified him of a request by Jeff Dobson in West Almond to have additional acreage added to Ag District #2. R. Stuck felt that the Board would have no objections to adding land to the district and gave approval for the change. Fred Sinclair submitted the final report on the Ag. District #2 for the file.

Membership Appointments:

The proposed new members for the Allegany County Planning Board have been approved by the Planning & Development Committee. The member's names have been submitted to the Legislature for approval. This should occur prior to the March meeting. K. Dirlam was asked to update the membership list and to distribute the revised list to the membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village of Alfred:

Submitted changes to their Zoning Law for the board to review. The paperwork submitted included only the proposed changes, which was confusing, the group agreed to a finding of "No Significant Impact on the County". **On a motion by R. Hollis and a 2nd by L. Gridley the motion was approved.** A letter will be sent to them with this result.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Someone from the Letchworth State Park contacted R. Hollis regarding the old Erie RR R-O-W and wondering who owns it. Presently part is owned by New York State as part of the Genesee Valley Wildlife Management Area and a small part is owned by the Town of Granger. The rest is owned by private parties. L. Gridley asked if all abandoned railroad property reverts back to landowner. It depends on how the deed was set up.
- Town of Granger has completed their Small Cities grant project and rehabilitated 17 homes. ACCORD Corp. will continue work on three more properties with other grant money.
- Deb Aumick noted that the Town of Rushford is working on modifying their Zoning law and we may see that coming in for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by D. Ackley, and seconded by D. Foster, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Hollis

Kathleen Hollis, Acting Secretary

John Wangson

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: March 15, 2006

Present: Lee Gridley, Kate Hollis, Rick Hollis, Duke Ackley Ron Stuck, Dale Foster, Robert Ellis, and Kathleen Hill
Excused: Charles Jessup, Wendell Brown
Absent: Tom Hayden
Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Amity

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

MINUTES:

On a motion by L. Gridley and seconded by R. Hollis, the minutes of the February 15th, 2006, meeting were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Parks and Trail is holding a free 2-day class re: Universal Trail Assessment at Gilbert Lake State Park in Laurens, NY, June 16-17, 2006. L. Gridley suggested forwarding this to the Friends of the Greenway.

B) Quality Canals for Quality Communities Conference at Burgundy Basin Inn, Perinton, NY, will be held April 26, 2006.

C) Notification that the Belmont Grange is now listed on the National Register of Historical Places as of 7 February 2006 was received.

D) NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation has announced the clean water revolving loan fund to upgrade water systems. Legislation will be amended to concerning 30 year financing to better address need of the people. Information at meeting in Loudenville on April 3, 2006.

E) Pamphlets of interest were shared: Affiliates News and ARC User Magazine

F) Cattaraugus County Planning Board Meeting Minutes for 23 February 2006 were shared.

G) Charles Kalthoff from ACCORD Corp has sent info supporting plans to require municipal and County Planning Board Member training as a requirement. This would be 4 hours/year. Any additional hours could be applied to next year's requirement. The training offered by So Tier West at Houghton would fulfill this requirement. R. Hollis mentioned that Training offered for newly elected Town officials, which was held in Belfast, was poorly attended.

OLD BUSINESS

A) None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) *Rushford SEQR*: **Motion made by R. Hollis, second by L. Gridley to offer no objection for the Town of Rushford to be lead agency.** The Town of Rushford is to be notified of this and a note is to be attached to request a copy of the final law. Carried.

B) *Open Space*: K. Dirlam has been appointed to the NYS Open Space Committee. Next meeting will be held in Niagara County. A list of Open Spaces in Allegany County and Birding Areas was distributed for comments, additions and corrections. K. Dirlam is also looking for names of people who would be interested in a County level meeting to discuss

Open Space issues in this county. In 2002-2003 he attended meetings with former legislator, S. Myers. The Committee was working on a draft of the revised plan, which is on a 4-year cycle. Meetings were held in 2002 & 2003, and in November 2005. The plan is to have 2 meetings in each County of Region 9. They will meet in Niagara County in June 2006. A list of areas for consideration in the open space plan has been compiled for Allegany County. K. Hollis asked if this would mean that more taxable land would be taken over and made tax exempt as it is acquired by the state. L. Gridley said the Allegany County Bird Club has information that would help with the plan. Areas of interest mentioned were Genesee Valley Outdoor Education Center and the Genesee Valley Wildlife Management Area.

REPORTS:

Environmental Notice Bulletin: No ENBs of interest this month.

Intergovernmental Review Reports: IGR-NYSDEC is asking for money to address airborne particulates statewide.

Southern Tier West Report: STW meeting minutes for February 16, 2006-note that Paul Miller has resigned and an opening for an environmental specialist will be posted.

Town/Village Planning Boards: Cuba Village Planning Board meeting minutes state that they are looking at revising signage regulations.

Alfred Village Planning Board is considering moving the "Box of Books" Library building although the departure of Michael Hyde (grant person) may slow this project.

Angelica Town and Village began work on a comprehensive plan in 1999. They have decided to begin to meet and address this topic again. They requested that K. Dirlam and Drew McGinnis (Alfred Planning Board) to attend.

R. Ellis informed the Board that the Town of Amity created the Amity Planning Board in February. With their attorney they have a 5-person board with 2 alternates. They are working to set up goals for the board and a timetable for completing the tasks. R. Ellis is designated as the liaison to the Allegany County Planning Board. Work on the Town of Amity Plan has them meeting three times this month. They have decided to publish a letter to send to the citizens to request input for the plan. There is a reference to a "Harding Plan" which updated the Town's zoning. R. Stuck asked if they had contacted the NYS Dept of State for any grants? Wendall is out in Washington

Time Capsule: Another letter was sent out to the Towns and villages requesting items to be included and setting the deadline as mid April 2006. There will be booths from the Towns at the Fairgrounds in Angelica. Allegany County's Birthday is Friday, April 7, 2006. At 11:30 there will be a ceremony at the County Courthouse. On May 20th, 2006 there will be the Official County wide celebration where the time capsule will be filled.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A) STW Global Gateways in Olean topic is development to be held March 28th, 2006, at 1:00 PM, contact T. Barnes.

B) K. Dirlam said he had heard from former member Alan Nobles who has relocated to Costa Rica.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by D. Ackley, seconded by L. Gridley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hollis

Kathleen S. Hollis, Assistant Secretary

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: April 19, 2006

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Present: Lee Gridley, Kate Hollis, Rick Hollis, Duke Ackley Ron Stuck, Dale Foster, Robert Ellis, Charles Jessup and Wendall Brown
Excused: Kathleen Hill
Absent: Tom Hayden
Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Amity

Call to Order:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Minutes:

On a motion by L. Gridley and seconded by R. Hollis, the minutes of the March 15, 2006, meeting were approved as presented.

New Business:

A) *Canaseraga:* Letter from Village of Canaseraga stating they are relocating a road for access to their water plant from Meadowbrook Rd to NYS Route 70 and need to redo SEQR to accommodate this change. The Board had no objections to Canaseraga being lead agency for this SEQR review. **A motion was made by R. Hollis with a second by R. Ellis to have Kier send info to Chairman R. Stuck and he is to send an acknowledgement to Canaseraga. Motion carried.**

B) *Cuba:* Letter from Town of Cuba regarding Lead Agency status on SEQR for a subdivision off of Route 305 south of the Village. **On a motion by L. Gridley and a 2nd by W. Brown the Board determined that they had no objection to the Town of Cuba acting as lead agency.**

Old Business:

A) Letter from Allegany County Attorney Daniel Guiney was received by all members. Chairman Stuck read the letter he sent back explaining that there was a lack of follow up in getting the proposed Bylaws to the County Attorney's Office. The By-Laws will be revisited to include rules for a quorum. Chairman R Stuck and K Hollis will work on this.

B) Discussions of completion of the new Allegany County Jail lead to a suggestion that Sheriff R. Belmont should be contacted to arrange a tour for the Planning Board members to be held in place of our next meeting, May 17th, 2006. K. Hollis volunteered to contact the Sheriff and make arrangements for the tour. Members will be notified if the tour will replace the next schedule meeting.

Correspondence:

Items shared with the Board:

A) Spring 2006 Local Government Workshop handout - The workshop will be Friday May 19, 2006, at the Burgundy Basin Inn, Pittsford, NY 14534. R. Hollis mentioned that NEACC will sponsor a Local Government Multi-year Financial Planning Seminar in Canaseraga on April 20, 2006.

B) NYS Realtors Smart Growth-grant opportunity

C) Rural Futures Magazine
D) National Transportation Enhancements Clearing House Newsletter
E) NY Planning Federation
F) Rural opportunities Inc newsletter
G) Lori Heithoff-wind farm PILOT Agreements. R. Hollis requested a copy from K. Dirlam.
H) NYS Annual Grants from the Environmental Protection Fund are available for Parks and brown fields.
I) Letter from Peter White, NYS DOT concerning the DOT Transportation Enhancements Grant Program. Preliminary requests are due on May 11, 2006; final application due June 30, 2006 and awards will be announced October 31, 2006. It was suggested that Kier fax a copy to Charlie Kalthof at ACCORD Corp. It was noted that Andover received one of these grants.
J) Small Farms Cooperative Extension-how to start and operate a small farm.
K) Snowmobiles article by Michelle King of the Spectator. R. Hollis mentioned that the Town of Granger has not been contacted by the Snowmobile Federation. Mike Johnsen, Supervisor, Town of Grove, has said it has cost their insurance company nearly $20,000.00 for attorney's fees in the lawsuit filed by a snowmobiler.

Reports

*A) **Environmental Notice Bulletin:***
   a. March 22, 2006 Allegany water district #1 from Village to new County Jail.
   b. Fresh water wetlands in Cuba, 157 acres

B) ***Intergovernmental Review:*** NYSDOH drinking water revolving fund

C) ***STW Report:***
   a. Minutes from the March meeting were distributed of the Southern Tier West Meeting.
   b. Their next meeting is April 20th, 2006

D) ***Community Planning Reports***:
   a. Cattaraugus County Planning Board Meeting Minutes
   b. Cuba Village Planning Board minutes from March. Cummins Construction request for Bulk propane tank on Bull Street was disallowed since code excluded it in area.
   c. Angelica postponed work on the comprehensive plan
   d. Alfred Artist Colony proposal failed. Alfred University owns the land where the Box of Books Library and Montessori School currently are. Their boards said no to the proposal. R Stuck said that Alfred looks good. C. Jessup stated that AU has much land around Alfred.

Good of the Order:

A) ***Transportation:*** The Van Campen Bridge on NYS Route 19 at Belvidere will be closed for repairs. The detour will really hurt the village of Belmont. Since the bridge in the village has been posed with a weight limit, there is much less traffic.

B) ***Grants***:
   a. Short Tract Fire Company has applied for FEMA grant of $37205.
   b. R. Ellis stated that ACCORD got a $400,000.00 grant to spruce up Belmont. The businesses would have to contribute twice as much as expected so only two businesses are participating in the grant program. R. Stuck says it is difficult for small businesses to pay upfront for repairs.

C) ***Pre-Disaster Mitigation:*** In February 2005 the request for reimbursement for Granger's pre disaster mitigation plan grant was made. The check arrived 19 April 2006.

D) ***ICS National Incident Management System (NIMS)*** training is required for local government officials.

E) ***Crossroads:*** Members discussed the need to plan to have proper regulations in place to preserve the nature of the Belvidere interchange.

F) ***Amity Rescue Squad*** receives $150.00/call, $20,000.00 from Town, nothing from Belmont Village or the County. The Captain of the Amity Rescue squad and J Foels to meet to discuss the water park and need for additional ambulance to cover this area. Amity has new ambulance and goes on many calls in Wellsville and Friendship.

Adjourn:

On a motion by D. Ackley, who stated that there are only 16 days to Walleye season, seconded by D. Foster, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hollis, Assistant Secretary

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: May 17, 2006

Present: Lee Gridley, Kate Hollis, Rick Hollis, Duke Ackley Ron Stuck, Dale Foster, Robert Ellis, Charles Jessup, Kathleen Hill and Wendall Brown

Excused:

Absent: Tom Hayden

Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist, Fredrick Bess and Richard Klein

Location: Frank Williams Room – Allegany County Office Building, Belmont, New York

Call to Order:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

Minutes:

On a motion by R. Hollis and seconded by D. Foster, the minutes of the April 19, 2006, meeting were approved with one correction: page 3 section F change "to" to "on".

Correspondence:

A) Letters to Canaseraga were sent per discussion at April 19, 2006 meeting.
B) Chairman Stuck sent a letter accepting the Empire Zone Identification District number change. The acreage did not change according to W. Brown. This was an administrative correction.
C) By laws: Article III Section 2 Term on line 4 remove "according to following chart".

New Business:

A) ***Town of Cuba*** - GML section 239 Referral - formation of Town of Cuba Water District No 5. Fredrick Bess, Petitioner and Richard Klein, Town of Cuba Code Enforcement Officer resubmitted a request to the Allegany County Planning Board (ACPB) to approve the formation of the water district in Cuba. A boundary dispute litigation occurred since the original presentation of the documents. No changes in the proposal arose as a result of the litigation. The ACPB approved the previous proposal with no impact. The Town will hold a Public Hearing. A motion to "accept the proposal as long as there are no conflict with other Towns or Allegany County" was made by C.O. Jessup, seconded by W. Brown. Carried. The Chairman is to send a letter to David Gilbert, Esq. (Richardson and Pullen) and the Town of Cuba.
B) ***Town of Rushford*** Zoning Ordinance Revisions: submitted two proposed local laws. Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2006 ("A Local Law Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Rushford, Allegany County, State of New York) and Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2006 ("A Local Law Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 1 of the Year 1986 concerning 'Enforcement of the [Town of Rushford] Zoning Ordinance"'). The Rushford Town Board has adopted a negative declaration regarding the proposed local laws. A motion " The review of the Town of Rushford's Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2006 and Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2006 be approved without comment. Letter to be sent by the Chairman to David Gilbert, Esq. (Richardson and Pullen).
C) R Ellis asked if the ACPB received the revisions updating the Village of Belmont Zoning? The ACPB has not received any information related to this topic.

Adjournment:

D. Ackley, stating that between having low water and having his boat motor conk out, the fishing has not been good so far but he is hopeful that it will improve this weekend, made the motion to adjourn seconded by R. Hollis. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hollis

Kathleen S. Hollis, Assistant Secretary

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: June 21, 2006

Present: Lee Gridley, Kate Hollis, Rick Hollis, Duke Ackley Ron Stuck, Dale Foster, Robert Ellis, Kathleen Hill and Wendall Brown

Excused:

Absent: Tom Hayden and Charles Jessup

Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist,

Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Amity

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

MINUTES:

On a motion by C. "Duke" Ackley and seconded by R. Hollis and R. Ellis, the minutes of the May 17, 2006, meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Backwoods Gas Station tear down, what to put there? DEC saw that tanks removed in 2004 and gave site a clean bill.

B) At a previous (January or February) County Legislature meeting they discussed Friendship & Belvedere. A DEC to Parks transfer of land to go for a State Parks (2343 acres). There will be $30 million for Parks from Governor Pataki to fund roads, snowmobile trails, equestrian park, forestland and hillside plateau. This land will come off the tax rolls. Roads are in good shape the DEC worked on it.

C) Annual Picnic will be at the Crossroads Building on the 3rd Wednesday in August, August 16th, 2006 at 6:00 PM. Invitation will be sent to the members of Planning and Development Committee and all other County Legislators. **A motion to have Sterns chicken purchased, RSVP on invitation, was made by K. Hill and seconded by K. Hollis, Carried.** C. Jessup will be sent the count of RSVP's so he can order the chicken. A note was made to be sure to remind Duke Ackley of the picnic before hand.

D) Agricultural Strategic Plan by Lynn O'Brien was mentioned by W. Brown.

E) Friendship Empire Zone Office is relocating to the Crossroads building. W. Brown stated that space was being leased from the IDA Board. Friendship Offices are being moved to the former Bingo Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **By Laws: A motion by L. Gridley seconded by W. Brown to the proposed By-laws be adopted as amended. Carried. R. Stuck to refer By-laws to the County Attorney then have him send them to the P& D Committee.**

B) W. Brown mentioned activity at Tracewell, Northern Lights in Ames Plaza and LC Whitford. He discussed the unfinished Empire Zone business from last year and zone redesignation. LC Whitford is building an 11,000 sq ft indoor enclosed pre stressed concrete forming facility, a $10.3 million investment over 5 years creating around 121 jobs. This will open the PA market to LC Whitford.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Bicentennial Committee sent a "Thank You" letter to the members of the Allegany County Planning Board for their work providing and promoting the time capsule. The pin that came with the letter was given to L. Gridley. There is still time for items to be included in the capsule. The Bicentennial Bell will be on top of the capsule.

B) Planning and GIS magazines were shared with the Board including Arc User and Rural Futures.

C) NYS Environmental Facility Corp announced a workshop on Revised Regulations for Clean Water Grant Act. Allegany County Application Package was received. K. Dirlam will respond.

D) Announcement of the Parks and Trails meeting

E) A negative declaration from the project in Rushford was received.

F) Letchworth State Park 100 year Anniversary Bulletin

REPORTS:

A) **STW REPORT:** Southern Tier West annual meeting was held May 2006. Wind Energy Project Grant for $56,000 – Towns received talking points. June 29, 2006 will be the next meeting. R. Hollis attended a Southern Tier West meeting on June 13, 2006 to discuss Internet access in Allegany County. STW is pushing wireless. They received a grant 1 year ago. It was stated that it is too hilly for wireless in many areas of Allegany County. Rural Futures Magazine had an article about broadband be delivered over power lines in Briarcliff, a suburb in Westchester Co. R Hollis asked STW "was the map of the current coverage available?". The responded: "There isn't one right now". The focus of the meeting changed to using the phone line boosters to provide the service. It is limited to approximately 2 ½ miles from station unless a booster is installed to extend coverage. W. Brown said that Verizon is looking at providing DSL at the Crossroads. The Empire Zone reports need to be done online and there is a need for quick Internet. Friendship has DSL available.

B) **INTERGOVERMENTAL REVIEW PROJECTS [IRP'S]:** Intergovernmental Reviews included underground storage tanks and leaking underground storage.

C) **COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTIVITY:**

a. Planning Board meeting minutes from Cattaraugus County were reviewed.
b. Planning Board meeting minutes from the Village of Cuba were reviewed.
c. K. Dirlam said he was made chair of the Angelica Town and Village Comprehensive Planning Board to work on a combined comprehensive plan. A meeting was held at the Angelica Conservation Club. The group hopes to encourage participation of the public.
d. R. Ellis reported that Amity Planning Committee would have a meeting July 1, 2006, at 10:30 AM with Maureen Harding, Chemung County Planner to present ideas for Amity. June 12, 2006, Joseph Zajicek, Town Supervisor requested that the bridge on NYS Route 19 be engineered to carry water and sewer lines. Permission from the railroad authority is needed. Tom Barnes to approve putting lines over railroad. This would help at County water authority meeting. A motion was made by R. Hollis, seconded by W. Brown to have the chairman send a letter of support for this project. Carried. K Dirlam will fax numbers to Ron to complete this.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A) It was announced the former Planning Board member, Trudy Butera was nominated as a Woman of Distinction by the NYS Senate. A motion to endorse her nomination was made by R. Hollis, seconded by K. Hollis, Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Ackley made the motion to adjourn seconded by K. Hollis. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: September 20, 2006

Present: B. Ellis, K Hill, C. "Duke" Ackley, D. Foster, W. Brown, R. Hollis, K. Hollis, L. Gridley, R. Stuck
Excused: Charles Jessup
Absent: Tom Hayden
Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist, W. Dibble - Legislator
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Amity

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

MINUTES:

On a motion by K. Hill and seconded by D. Foster, the minutes of the June 2006, meeting were approved.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:

L. Gridley gave pens from Bicentennial Committee to board members. Duke Ackley designed time capsule, Ron Stuck, Chairman of Planning Board gave significant contribution to Bicentennial Committee. They were presented with pins from the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) ***West Valley Nuclear Project:*** Ron Stuck received an E-mail from SAIC Engineering and the US Department of Energy regarding the Western New York Nuclear Services Center in July 2006. They are looking for information about our County regarding the possible impacts that would occur due to the Decommission the West Valley Nuclear Site. They specifically requested items that might cause severe hardship because of what development is going on, or is being planned for the near future. Requested a copy of the Comprehensive master plan, zoning laws, and any other activities, etc. Requested the # old people to occupy the development. W. Brown asking for future information farms, 2 dairy processing plants. It was noted that we are down wind. Bill Dibble & Lee Gridley- Fred Sinclair/Kier D mentioned AU Environmental persons – Gordon Godshalk or a Houghton College professor. Lee Gridley-DOE-decommissioning plan-need to get information from neighbors. Allegany County Planning Board should contact the West Valley Coalition to get their viewpoint. [Contact for them is Judy Einoch of West Valley Coalition] According to the members information the Coalition would like to see all the "hot" stuff, dug up, wrapped & shipped out of state. Unfortunately the Department of Energy [DOE] says it's too expensive. There is enough material left at the site to conceivably cause a chain reaction if it came together. R. Stuck why we only need to look at future. Current farms and people would also be affected. It is leaking into Cattaraugus Creek. Modeling erosion for the next 100 yrs shows that the buried stuff will be uncovered. Allegany County cannot approve decommissioning. RGH Yucca Mountain has water in it and is not considered safe and isn't open. W. Dibble noted that we are down wind. The erosion takes the material to Lake Erie. (NYSERDA in on lawsuit). The commission has split the Environmental Impact Statement into two sections which is being challenged in Court and the court case is pending. People noted to contact include: Irma Howard, Michelle Hluchy-AU, and Gordon Godshalk. Lee Gridley will E-mail the contacts noted and get addresses to Ron Stuck. W. Dibble suggested contacting Dr. W. Koch, Andover, Mr. Thomas Hull, Allegany Co Health Dept.

B) ***Resolution to get County Planner & grant writer.*** Budget process is not done. W. Brown stated that they haven't written up impact for County this job would have on County budget. Resolution will go to P&D then Ways & Means.

C) ***Centerville Local Law:*** Received a referral under Part 239 for review. This is a local law for Wind Farm facilities to be reviewed. Land use law falls under referral process to determine if the County Planning Board feels that it will have any negative impact on Allegany County. Covers all of the Town of Centerville. This law allows the Town to have the right to review a project before a project comes into the Town and is essentially a Town protection act. The Law holds the company to a standard and allows the Town to have a process ready for this type of review. Ron Stuck noted that he felt that the law is too lenient but the Town will be in the know about the project. Fees for their review costs only. K. Dirlam noted that there are State and Federal Regulations that control this type of project, similar to cell towers. Fees are noted on the 2nd to last page. Application permits/megawatt fees are cheap. Kier noted that Dan Spitzer is the attorney for the Town of Centerville and he and his firm, Hodgson Russ wrote this law. Other Questions: What effect on County roads in Town? Project will have to investigate roads in Town? Project will have to investigate roads for the project. Page 23 item 14. We could suggest including a means for EMS fire emergency service access to the towers. **R. Hollis made a motion, seconded by K. Hill to approve due to no negative impact on County. Approved.** The letter will also suggest access to towers by EMS and Fire Service be added to Local Law.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) ***By-Laws:*** These were hand delivered to Allegany County Attorney, Dan Guiney and P&D Committee. The County attorney has some suggested changes. Revised By-Laws were given to Board Members. K. Hollis asked why the proposed changes were not marked on the copies? Page 3 had a typo. Board of Legislators will need to approve the By-Laws. **L. Gridley made a motion to accept the proposed revised By-Laws with typo fixed, section 1 article 3 page 3 change a to the. Seconded by W. Brown. Carried.**

B) ***Board Member:*** Kathleen Hill asked who Thomas Hayden was since she has been on the Board for this year and has not met this person since he has not attended any meetings. The By-Laws state that any member who is absent for more than 3 consecutive meetings can be removed from the Allegany County Planning Board. Members discussed that it may have been over 20 month since Mr. Hayden attended a meeting. **A motion to remove Thomas Hayden from the Allegany County Planning Board was made by K. Hill, seconded by K. Hollis.** Motion carried. Kier to draft a letter of resignation and forward it to Mr. Hayden.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) K. Dirlam received a letter from a group working on the Cattaraugus Creek Watershed noting that they will be having a meeting on October 3, 2006. A small area is in Allegany County in NW Centerville.

B) Southern Tier West Fall Conference at Chautauqua Institution, check STW.org for info

C) Round 9 Water Quality improvement Project Grants due October 20, 2006

D) ArcView 9.2 GIS software Seminar in Rochester, NY October 3, 2006.

E) Allegany County was re-shot for Pictometry. To get files your need 400-500 Gigabyte portable hard drive. There is a beta version on Microsoft Maps wherein the old Allegany County photos are available on the Internet.

F) NYS Association of Counties Meeting September 27-29, 2006 at Lake George, NY

G) International standards are being developed for car wash dryers

H) Buffalo Branch of Federal Reserve Bank of NY has a study of where population of elderly are located.

I) NY Planning Federation Conference on October 8, 2006.

J) Other items of interest were shared with Board members.

REPORTS:

A) ***DEC Report:*** ENB Highland Landfill Expansion in Angelica. Town had to approve if they could expand. The long range plan for this is huge, 1,000ton/day. Percent of tipping fees goes to Angelica leading to lower taxes in Angelica.

B) ***INTERGOVERMENTAL REVIEW PROJECTS [IRP'S]:*** None in Allegany County, most are state wide. These items were shared with the Board Members.

C) ***Southern Tier West Report:*** STW meeting is tomorrow. The July and August meeting minutes were shared.

D) ***Community Planning:***

a. **Cattaraugus County Planning Board** meeting minutes were shared,

b. **Cuba:** No minutes from Cuba in past 3 months.

c. **Angelica Comprehensive Plan:** Their Board has projected action items for the next 6 months. July 24, 2006 the Board met and created sub groups which are now meeting. Sub Group draft reports should be ready by next week's meeting. These will be refined. A December deadline for this has been set for reports, then public hearing the second week of January 2007. They will seek approval from the public, refine the document and then begin work on SEQR. Expecting a target completion date of June 2007.

d. **Village and Town of Angelica** is preparing a joint municipal application for a grant for a salt storage facility.

e. **Amity Planning Board:** R. Ellis spoke of Planning Board work in Amity. They are on schedule with their plan. Supervisor met in Angelica. Working on developing a House Trailers law to include HUD specifications, so that they can inspect old trailers. Two companies have been selected to bid for work on preparing the plan. Send letter to Soil and Water, F. Sinclair, to get price for copies of maps. Offered departments the chance to attend and present their input. Their Board meets often to keep plan moving along.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A) K. Hill asked if the Allegany County Planning Board has a budget. She asked permission to attend the Federal Reserve Board Bank of NY Conference on Age Boom in Syracuse, N.Y. on November 1, 2006. The cost is $50.00. A motion by K. Hollis, seconded by R. Ellis to allow K. Hill to attend the conference and submit for reimbursement for the $50.00 cost. Carried.

B) R. Hollis stated that there is a requirement for First Responders and Government Officials to complete NIMS training. ICS 100, 200 and 800 by September 30, 2006. Money can be withheld due to lack of training for FEMA projects in the future.

C) R. Ellis said "Thank you" for help with input on Amity Law.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Ackley made the motion to adjourn seconded by R. Hollis. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: October 18, 2006 APPROVED

Present: R. Stuck, L. Gridley, B. Ellis, K. Hill Barnes, C. "Duke" Ackley, D. Foster, W. Brown, Charles Jessup
Excused: R. Hollis, K. Hollis
Absent: Tom Hayden
Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist, W. Dibble - Legislator
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Amity

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES:

On a motion by W. Brown and seconded by B. Ellis, the minutes of the September 2006, meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) ***Centerville Law: letter was written to Dan Spitzer on the approval of the law by the Planning Board.***

B) ***Board Member:*** Tom Hayden did not respond to the e-mail that was sent to him requesting him to either resign or start coming to meeting. As the Board had previously moved that he be removed from the County Planning Board a letter will be prepared to the Chairman of the Legislature regarding his status. **On a motion by L. Gridley and 2nd by K. Hill Barnes the board approved sending a letter to the Chairman of the Legislature with the list of names to be set for the 2007 Planning Board membership. Included in this resolution is James E. Ninos from district 5 to fill the remainder of Tom Hayden's term. Approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Notice from NYSDEC regarding a grant opportunity for coastal and dam work.
B) Received Rural Futures newsletter that noted that the State has approved the requirement for ALL municipal Planning Boards members including Town, Village and County to have 4 hours of training per year.
C) Received the National Transportation Enhancement Clearinghouse news.
D) Received "From Watershed to Well" from RCAP.
E) Received minutes from the Cattaraugus Creek Watershed meeting on October 3, 2006.
F) Received notice of APA Training materials.
G) Received Cattaraugus County Planning Board minutes.
H) Received notice of the Southern Tier West Fall Conference at Chautauqua Institution.

REPORTS:

A) ***DEC Report:*** ENB Notice for a SPEDES permit in Andover and a land transfer from the DEC to the group overseeing the restoration of the Canal Warehouse in Belfast.

B) ***INTERGOVERMENTAL REVIEW PROJECTS [IRP'S]:*** 3 from Cattaraugus County; 1 Statewide and 1 in Allegany County regarding a very large water project in the Town of Caneadea hooking up Houghton to Caneadea and Oramel total project cost $6.9 million.

C) ***Southern Tier West Report:*** STW meeting is tomorrow. Eric Bridges has left STW to become the Executive Director of the North Central PA Regional Planning Board. He oversees about 50 employees with 6 offices in 6 counties. STW has reorganized with 2 Assistant Directors: Richard Zink and Brian Schrantz under the Executive Director Don Rychnowski.

D) ***Community Planning:***

a. **Cuba:** No minutes from Cuba in past 4 months.

b. **Alfred:** Received minutes from May through present from the Village Planning Board which included an update on what work is going to occur at Alfred University and Alfred State College in the next few years.

c. **Angelica Comprehensive Plan:** The ACP is working to prepare for the public forum in January.

d. **Amity Planning Board:** R. Ellis spoke of Planning Board work in Amity. They are on schedule with their plan. The Town is also going to enact a wind farm law similar to the one passed in Centerville.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A) Discussed the way the Empire State Development defines poverty and how it doesn't properly take into account our communities with the exception of Alfred and Almond. Because they use Census Tracts, and most of our communities are broken up by the Main Roads that are the boundaries of Census Tracts we end up not meeting the poverty levels even though on closer inspection a number of communities would meet those levels. If this were recognized by ESD then there would be more funding available to our Towns and Villages. Ironically because of the high concentration of college students in Alfred who effectively don't have income, Alfred shows a higher poverty rate than Friendship.

B) Friendship Empire Zone has been approved for their 4 contiguous areas boundary revision.

C) DEC is looking at the Foundry Site in Friendship for clean-up under the Brownfields cleanup grants.

D) DEC is reviewing the old Salt storage area owned by the County under the Brownfields cleanup program.

E) IDA dinner is being held next Wednesday. Kier to leave names for Patience to add to the attending list.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Ackley made the motion to adjourn seconded by D. Foster. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Gridley

Lee Gridley, Secretary

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: November 15, 2006

Present: R. Stuck, L. Gridley, B. Ellis, K. Hill Barnes, C. "Duke" Ackley, D. Foster, R. Hollis, K. Hollis W. Brown, C. Jessup, J. Ninos
Excused: None
Absent: None
Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist, Lannie Conrad, Dennis Gaffin
Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Amity

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Chairman welcomed new member Jim Ninos. The Chairman welcomed the guests.

MINUTES:

On a motion by B. Ellis and seconded by D. Ackley, the minutes of the October 2006, meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None
OLD BUSINESS:

A) ***Centerville Law:***

K. Dirlam presented the board with a packet of letters that the Board has received from residents in the Centerville area regarding the proposed law that the Board had reviewed in September. Also included in this information was technical information regarding Wind Farms and a copy of a Cuba Patriot article on the same topic. R. Stuck then allowed the guests to speak on their concerns. The following were the major points of discussion with the guests:

Process done by the Centerville Board: The following statements were indicated by the guests but have not been substantiated by the County Planning Board:

- The guests asked us to look at process in the Town of Centerville stating that this has been on going regarding the Centerville law and that this process has been rushed. These deliberations have been done according to the specifications provided by the power company based on a proposal of that company. It is known that Noble Environmental had a meeting with the Town Board. Mr. Sardina mentioned benefits to Town and County at some point. Noble Environmental Power had apparently stated that they would not build any towers until the Town passed a law. They are afraid of lawsuits down the road. The Town is allowing minimal setbacks to take care of Noble Environmental's interests.
- The Town of Centerville Board has not explored the impacts of the law fully. A Public hearing was held after the Allegany County Planning Board had done its review and there were changes made to that law. The first copy of the law was the one we reviewed and then the second version was at the public hearing had changes. These included exclusion of hunting camps or seasonal residences. Some seasonal residents are miffed. Now a third version is being considered by the Town of Centerville Board.
- The County Planning Board asked the guests if there is anything on the table to compensate the town for having this facility in their Town and how do people feel about this? The Town has not discussed or promoted this project and there are no documents to

indicate benefits. There are no details in the law. The guests stated that they want safety and fairness in the law and for the law to take into account the environmental impacts.

Communication: The following statements were indicated by the guests but have not been substantiated by the County Planning Board:

- That there has been no contact between the Town of Centerville and the Town of Rushford regarding this issue.
- That the Town of Centerville put a public Notice into the Cuba Patriot regarding the public meeting but did not contact residents directly.
- That the guests in attendance had personally contacted Town residents and that approximately 80 people attended the public meeting even though normally few residents attend. At this meeting every comment but two were against the windmills.

Safety and setbacks: The following statements were indicated by the guests but have not been substantiated by the County Planning Board:

- Ice shedding is a problem and that a report by GE says ¼ mile or 1,250' is the safe distance to have for this problem. This is much greater than what is in the Centerville law.
- Nothing in the revised law is stated regarding setbacks from State Forest lands.
- The new setback is 500 ft from roads, from residences and from buildings.
- There should be more to do with noise levels – presently they only have to be followed to property lines of neighbor's property – not to residences.
- The question came up of what happens if a property is subdivided; would the second structure be under the limits for noise?
- The only structures that matters are the existing structures not new ones within 1000'
- Blade failure: Supposedly, the computer will stop the turbine if there is an imbalance due to ice or excess wind.
- A single small home windmill is OK with these minimal set backs but not a large facility like the ones that is proposed.
- The setbacks had one set of requirements in version 1 [that the County Planning Board reviewed]. We never saw version 2 and Version 3 will be the result of public hearing, which the County Planning Board has not seen.

Easements: The following statements were indicated by the guests but have not been substantiated by the County Planning Board:

- The guests have seen a copy of an easement signed by a Centerville resident on property in Centerville. That agreement was made between the wind farm company and the resident.
- The guests indicated that Centerville and Rushford residents have granted easements for access to their properties.

Review procedures of the County Planning Board: The guests asked us to look at the process in the Town of Centerville. Chairman Stuck stated that we had reviewed the Local Law but that since Centerville doe not have a Zoning Law we have limited review authority. During our previous review, it was noted that there does not seem to be any conflict with county concerns. At this time, the County Planning Board has no additional jurisdiction since we have approved the law as presented. It was mentioned that we could send a letter that suggests to the Town that if there are changes in their law we should review that law if the changes are significant. C. Jessup noted that if the law is resubmitted we invite both sides here for that meeting.

In response to this information, a motion was made by K. Barnes and a 2nd by R. Hollis, to develop a new letter to be written to Dan Spitzer – legal council for the Town of Centerville, the Town Supervisor and the Town Board members regarding the concerns noted. Approval of this motion was unanimous.

B) ***By-Laws:***

- The Planning and Development Committee of the Legislature wanted to know what is changed from the previous by-laws. K. Dirlam agreed to prepare a new copy that shows the significant changes from the previously approved version to the new version of the By-Laws for their information so that they can pass it in December.

C) ***Board Member:***

- The Chairman of the Legislature made the appointment of James Ninos as requested and he was welcomed to the group.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan
- Sample Issue of Zoning Bulletin
- Clough Harbor & Associates Pamphlet: SEQR information must be posted on a website for 1 year or until approvals are secured

REPORTS:

A) ***DEC Report:*** None

B) ***INTERGOVERMENTAL REVIEW PROJECTS [IRP'S]:***.None

C) ***Southern Tier West Report:*** STW meeting is tomorrow. .

D) ***Community Planning:***

a. **Cuba:** Minutes were received and reviewed.

b. **Angelica Comprehensive Plan:** The ACP is working to prepare for the public forum in January.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A) ***Planner:*** In August, the Planning Board requested that the Legislature should consider hiring a grant writer and Planner. It is not clear at this time if this will be an employee or contractual. K. Dirlam has extended the offer to continue the contract to work with the Planning Board on a month-to-month basis. At this time, K. Dirlam has not received any contact by from the County on this issue.

B) ***Annual Dinner:*** The January 17, 2007 dinner will be at Moonwinks in Cuba. K. Barnes agreed to take care of the process. They are going to send out postcards as well as the invites. Social time 6:00 pm and Dinner at 6:30 pm.

C) ***Nominating Committee:*** C. Ackley will chair and work with D. Foster.

D) ***Granger Grant:*** Did not get the grant for the Granger Fire Department. They did get a $15,000 grant as a member item.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Ackley made the motion to adjourn seconded by D. Foster. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allegany Planning Board Minutes: December 20, 2006

Present: R. Stuck, L. Gridley, B. Ellis, K. Hill Barnes, C. "Duke" Ackley, D. Foster, R. Hollis, K. Hollis W. Brown, C. Jessup, J. Ninos

Excused: None

Absent: None

Guests: Kier Dirlam- Planning Specialist, Tom Taylor – Village of Cuba, Norman Ungermann - Legislator

Location: Crossroads Conference Center, Amity

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Stuck called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. The Chairman welcomed the guests.

MINUTES:

On a motion by W. Brown and seconded by B. Ellis, the minutes of the November 2006, meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) ***Village of Cuba Strategic Plan for Downtown Revitalization***

Tom Taylor presented the plan for the board's review. They had received grant funding from the Small Cities program to do the plan. Stuart Brown Associates wrote the grant application and then wrote the plan. The board discussed the parking inventory that was done. Discussed sidewalk maintenance in the Village and whose issue that is. The Village has a program that they do with residents and landowners that fix their sidewalks to fund them over the course of 15 years as part of their annual tax bill. Noted the nice matrix used to explain the goals and objectives of the plan. Goals included estimated costs. Discussed the idea of having a Business Improvement District and that this could be a good tool. K. Barnes noted that there is grant money out there for redoing murals. Discussed the notes on folks having a bad attitude about new things in the Village and that it would be nice to have a solid method to deal with this. Success can breed better attitudes. **On a motion by C. Jessup and 2nd by R. Hollis, the Board approved writing a letter of approval of the plan to the Mayor Jim Wetherby.**

B) ***County Exit Strategy***

W. Brown discussed at length the money that the County has received from Small Cities to work on developing a strategy for improving the six exits on I-86 for development. They are planning to have a joint meeting in the next six weeks to work with all the Towns involved: Cuba, Friendship, Amity, Angelica, West Almond, and Almond.

C) ***Empire Zone Expansion***

W. Brown brought a resolution for the board to review and approve indicating that the expansion of the Friendship Empire Zone to encompass the Alstom Air Preheater Plant site in the Town of Wellsville meets the map guidelines established. **On a motion by R. Hollis and 2nd by D. Foster, the board approved the Chairman to sign the resolution and provide three copies to W. Brown for the Empire Zone use. W. Brown abstained from this vote.**

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Centerville Law:
A letter was sent to the Town Supervisor, Board members and the legal counsel for the Town of Centerville regarding the last meeting issues. The legal counsel contacted Chairman R. Stuck to discuss this and had noted that the Town had already approved their law prior to our letter being received.

B) By-Laws:
At their December meeting, Planning and Development Committee reviewed the By-Laws and approved them for the full Legislature to review and approve. It is likely that this will be done at the December 26, 2006 meeting.

C) Annual Dinner:
The Annual dinner will be held at Moonwinks on January 17, 2007 with social time starting at 6:00 pm and dinner to commence at 6:30 pm. K. Barnes is taking care of the invitations and arrangements with the Development Office staff. The RSVP's will be asked to be made by January 8, 2007. A possible program is being explored of having William Reemsten from Stuart Brown Associates make a presentation on planning and grants. K. Barnes and W. Brown are working on the program details.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice of Negative Declaration of SEQR for a change of the access road for the Canaseraga Wastewater project was received.
- Newsletter from Greenways
- Cattaraugus County Planning Board Minutes were circulated.

REPORTS:

A) ***DEC Report:*** No projects in Allegany County since last meeting.

B) ***INTERGOVERMENTAL REVIEW PROJECTS [IRP'S]:***.No reports were received.

C) ***Southern Tier West Report:*** STW meeting is tomorrow. They are expecting new funding for the Railroad line; they are attempting to improve their Community GIS program in Allegany County – R. Hollis noted that Granger had agreed to participate but that STW failed to ever contact them again; they are still working on their broadband study; they are receiving $140,000 to do transportation planning in the region through NYSDOT. STW is having an all day meeting on January 12, 2007 to work on Planning but no one had the information available as to who is to attend and what they are hoping to accomplish.

D) ***Community Planning:***
   a. **Alfred, Cuba, Almond:** No Minutes were received.
   b. **Angelica Comprehensive Plan:** The ACP is working to prepare for the public forum to be held on January 9, 2007.
   c. **Amity:** They are having a meeting with their consultant on January 20, 2006.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A) ***Mandatory Training:*** B. Ellis noted that starting in 2007 all Planning Board members have to have four hours of training. The Allegany County Planning Board should undertake development of a training session that will meet this requirement for this board and the Town and Village Boards in the County. **By appointment of Chairman R. Stuck, B. Ellis was made the Chair of the new Training Committee to work on this.**

B) ***America's Byways:*** R. Stuck noted that there is a push to do more work on creating known Byways and that this county should look into this more. He noted that you can go to www.bywaysonline.org to access more information.

C) ***Nominating Committee:*** C. Ackley has been working on the nominations and requests a copy of the latest member's contact information.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Ackley made the motion to adjourn seconded by D. Foster. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Gridley

Lee Gridley, Secretary