

**MINUTES
SENECA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

**HEROES 9-11-01 CONFERENCE ROOM
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
WATERLOO, NEW YORK**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Beck, Betty Berger, Gordon Burgess, William Dalrymple, Donald Denman, Sally Kenyon, Colby O'Brien (Alternate), Michael Scaglione, Michael Smith and John Swanson

MEMBERS CALLED: Edward Franzoni, Jack Freer, Pam Kirk and Mark Lott

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Scoles

STAFF: Harriet Haynes, Planner and Mary DeStefano, Staff Resources Asst., Department of Planning and Community Development

GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman William Dalrymple.

Chairman Dalrymple appointed Colby O'Brien, Alternate, to sit in for absent member, Mark Lott.

The Minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting were approved by a motion of Keith Beck and seconded by Donald Denman. Carried 10 – 0.

Harriet Haynes stated that Mark Lott's father, Rodman Lott, recently passed away. Board members wish to convey their condolences to the Lott Family.

Ms. Haynes stated that Supervisor Ronald McGreevy's mother passed away recently. Supervisor McGreevy was a longtime member of the County Planning Board prior to becoming the Tyre Town Supervisor. Condolences are expressed by Board members to Mr. McGreevy and his family.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GML Reviews:

1) Village of Interlaken 2015-1, Comprehensive Plan

Sally Kenyon moved and John Swanson seconded adoption of Resolution 4-15, which recommends adoption of Village of Interlaken Local Law 2015-1, for the proposed Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Haynes stated that for the size and scale of the Comprehensive Plan, the Village did an excellent job for its first Draft. Ms. Haynes stated that the group identified three goals and did a nice job of breaking down objectives and actions for each goal. It was also identified as to who would follow through with the separate action items. Board member, John Swanson, questioned if this is what a typical Comprehensive Plan looks like. Ms. Haynes stated that there is no "typical" Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive Plans are based on ideas that the residents envision for their community. Board member, Sally Kenyon, stated that the expansion of Trumansburg is helping Interlaken. Ms. Haynes stated that based on some population data, the Town of Covert has maintained its population compared to other communities which have had decreases in population. She stated that this may be based on Covert's proximity to Ithaca. There was discussion regarding the businesses that have left the community, e.g., grocery store, drug store, gas stations, etc. Ms. Haynes stated that it is a difficult situation because the population mass is needed to support the amenities, but amenities are needed to attract the population mass. A Board member commented that if the upper level of downtown buildings were occupied by tenants, at least the tenants' parking would make the downtown area appear to be busy. Ms. Haynes stated that a couple of years ago, Peter Brown, an employee of the Department of Planning and Community Development, and who at the time was the County's grant writer, was approached for assistance in Main Street Revitalization for the Village of Interlaken; however, it became difficult to compete for grants without a Comprehensive Plan supporting it. The community has a concern regarding the future of losing the elementary school. Carried 9 – 1. Board member, Gordon Burgess, voted nay.

2) **Tompkins County 2015-1, Comprehensive Plan**

Michael Smith moved and Keith Beck seconded adoption of Resolution 5-15, recommending approval for adoption of Tompkins County Local Law 2015-1 for its proposed Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Haynes stated that the proposed Comprehensive Plan is an updated version of the first adopted Plan done in 2004. The updated Plan is considerably longer and has extensive use of the current planning philosophy. This first full update of the Comprehensive Plan addresses climate adaptation for the first time, restructures the strong communities section by also addressing healthy communities, adds two over-arching principles of fiscal responsibility and sustainability, and updates policy statements to make them more direct. The Plan recommends 28 specific action items to be initiated by County government within two years. Ms. Haynes stated that the population represents a college town that includes the college population and the energy that accompanies it. Ms. Haynes stated that the Plan addresses green space, protection of aquatic life, and the need for having more walkway areas. The Plan was sent for the County Planning Board's review because of Seneca County being an adjacent county. It is determined that the Plan will not have an adverse impact on Seneca County. Carried 10 – 0.

3) **Town of Seneca Falls, Area Variance, Site Plan Review, Goulds Pumps Administration**

Ms. Haynes stated that this application was submitted late from the Town Office to the County Planning Department. Discretion was being given to Board members as to whether or not the review of the application should occur at this meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to review the report at tonight's meeting.

Colby O'Brien moved and Sally Kenyon seconded adoption of Resolution 6-15, which recommends approval for the Area Variance and Site Plan Review request forwarded by the Town of Seneca Falls. The applicant, Goulds Pumps Administration, is proposing to construct a 62' high silo that will have a 12' diameter for use of storage of foundry sand. It is believed that the sand is transported to the site by tankers. The silo location will be internal to the Goulds Pumps complex on Fall Street – 305' west of the easterly property line, 624' north of the Railroad, and 632' south of Ridge Street. Ms. Haynes stated that the Area Variance is required due to the height of the silo exceeding Seneca Falls Town Zoning. Height restrictions are usually in place to enable firefighters to handle fire suppression. Carried 10 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by motion of John Swanson.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary DeStefano, Secretary
Staff Resources Asst.