

Town of Amity

Planning Board

June 10, 2008

Members Present: Mr. Joseph Zajicek, Mr. Robert Ellis, Mr. Randy Potter, Ms. Deb Bogle

Others Present: Mr. Kier Dirlam, Mrs. Ann Mills, Mr. Ivan Cherry, Mr. Wesley Cline, and Mr. Charles Criss

Meeting called to order by Mr. Zajicek at 7:01pm.

Mr. Dirlam went over the results of the first survey that the planning board put out and agreed that most of the information collected from it was the same throughout. Most people liked the way things are. As for the public forum, the information collected was about the same. People want things to grow but do not want to be "zoned". The town's people want the forest, agricultural and farming to be protected. A few things that need to be addressed would be the empty old school, junk in people's yards and to make high-speed internet available town wide.

Mr. Zajicek spoke about how the planning board is not a "zoning board"; the purpose of the planning board is too hopefully to attract new business and to help our town prosper.

One of the goals is not to necessarily make any new laws but to check to see what laws already exist and to enforce them if necessary.

Ms. Mills was very concerned with properties in the town and how it may hinder new people to come to our area and that a little "housekeeping" would benefit many properties in the town. She made the suggestion to Mr. Cline to put a sign on the other side of the road so that people who are not from here know that the vehicles and etc. belong to his business on the other side of the road. She was also concerned with Mr. Cherry's property creeping forward toward the road and he stated that he is starting to take care of some of it and has continued to put up more fencing to conceal his property.

Mr. Criss is very concerned about how to keep young people in our area or how to get young people to come here. He would like to see more jobs for young people that weren't necessarily minimum wage jobs. He also wanted to be clear on what the planning board was trying to do. He agrees that there needs to be some control but wanted to make sure he could still have his horses in his front yard.

Robert Roller is a representative from a broker company in Buffalo who is looking for businesses to come to our area. There is about 400 acres of farm land that could be developed.

The next meeting for the Town of Amity Planning Board will be on July 8th, 2008.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:08pm made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Potter.

Secretary: Lisa Plummer