

Amity Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2007

Present: Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Potter, Ms. Funk

Absent: Mr. Pasquale

Ms. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

The February meeting minutes were read and two corrections were made. Adding the word day and changing comprehensive plan to strategic plan. With those changes the minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Ms. Funk. All in favor.

The April and May meeting minutes were read and adjusted accordingly. April and May minutes approved. Motion to approve by Mr. Potter and seconded by Mr. Ellis. All in favor.

Mr. Ellis has now 12 credit hours toward the training session for the planning board. It was stated that the board would like Ms. Hurd to keep track of everyone's hours.

Ms. Reynolds announced that Mr. Pasquale will be resigning from the planning board and asked for any suggestions for a replacement. Ms. Funk suggested Ms. Beverly Perkins, she will check with her to see if she would be interested.

The questionnaire has not been tabulated as of yet. Around 850 were sent out and approximately 40 were sent back in. Ms. Reynolds has read all of the returned questionnaires. The majority of the people have stated that they want no changes to our area with the exception of a bit more industry. Another questionnaire will not be sent but a public meeting to get better answers held at possibly the school would be a good idea.

Ms. Harding was present and discussed what needs to happen now for the comprehensive plan. The planning board needs to pick a consultant and give them a copy of their ideas. A consultant with grant writing experience will be helpful to defer the cost of hiring them. Ms. Harding suggested B and Associates out of Rochester. She explained that there will be 3 public meetings that will be conducted by the consultants. A draft of the comprehensive plan will be drawn up and the public will have 30 days to review it. After that the plan needs to be put into place.

Mr. Ellis suggested that a basic comprehensive plan be put into place and that more can be added at a later date. Mr. Ellis had information about the resolutions

that had been passed for the water district in Belvidere. Resolution 14807 which makes Allegany County the lead agency for the water district. Resolution 14907 stating no impact on environment for Angelica and Amity. Resolution 14607 making water district #1. Resolution 14707 making sewer district #1.

Mr. Ellis stated that the Friendship Empire Zone has an enormous amount of information about the Crossroads area and that the planning board could take information from them to complete the comprehensive plan.

Ms. Funk asked about the assessing that is being done for the town. Ms. Reynolds explained that the town is using GIS mapping and how it will be helpful in the future for the development of the town.

There needs to be some creative thinking to keep people in our town. A new way to create revenue needs to be found. In Yates County they have lodging revenue. Ms. Funk suggested a county lottery.

Mr. Ellis stated that the windmills in Arcade are operational but that the ones in Eagle are not ready yet and that the state is talking about getting income from the Towns and County's who have windmills.

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Reynolds. All in favor.