

TOWN OF NILES PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Niles Town Hall, New Hope, New York
April 22, 2010

Present Bob Martin (chairman)
 Bill Carmen
 Jason Cuddeback
 Charlie Greene
 Anthony Hart
 John Nolte
 Bill Stinson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Mr. Martin asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The March minutes were read; spelling correction were made to Broadband, evacuate and a statement by Mr. Brody Smith was restated. A motion was made by Bill Carmen and seconded by Jason Cuddeback to accept the amended minutes, all approved.

Others present: Rick Slagle

Old Business:

- Cayuga County Planning training held on April 21st it was a good session.
- Remaining sessions will be held at Cayuga Onondaga BOCES center.
- Mr. Martin was approached by Mr. Weed about his interest in locating a packaging plant on his property. Mr. Martin informed him that he would need a site plan review; also that Mr. Weed should contact Agriculture & Marketing department before proceeding with his project.
- The Planning Board sends there good wishes to Chris Nolte, Town Clerk, while she undergoes treatment for her illness.

Town Board News:

- Mr. Brody Smith gave the Town Board information on zoning for Agriculture & Lake front property.
- A meeting on April 29th held at the Community College will discuss the Marcellus Shale, drilling and hydrofracking.. Bill Stinson and Bill Carmen expressed an interest in attending.
- The Town Board continues to brain storm ideas on how to handle brush removal; possibly purchasing a chipper.
- Broadband-DSL will be available for a small area of Niles.
- Mr. Charlie Greene has gathered information on the topics of excavation and wind towers. The Planning Board will ask the Town Board which topic to investigate first.
- The topic of excavation on the shore line of Firelane 12 A. was discussed.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on the excavation on the shore line of Firelane 12 A.
- The City of Syracuse was contacted by Mr. Stinson; he was told that they did not have to be involved because the excavation was above the 25 foot high water mark.
- Mr. Stinson spoke to Mr. Jerry VeVone about the change of character of the site. It is not in Mr. VeVone's job description to oversee land changes.
- Current Town laws don't have a regulation for this type of change.
- The Planning Board would like to have the Codes Enforcement officer be observant of land changes.
- A meeting will be set up inviting The City of Syracuse, The Department of Environmental Conservation and The Owasco Watershed Inspector. The Planning Board will create an agenda at the June meeting. The special meeting will be held at a date to be announced in June.
- The intent will be to show the agencies that we would like to clarify information and to have information sharing take place. Moving forward the Town of Niles would like to sustain the character of the lake and its environmental integrity.

A motion was made by John Nolte and seconded by Charlie Greene to adjourn the meeting at 9:35.

Respectively submitted,

Donna Porter