

TOWN OF NILES PLANNING BOARD
Niles Town Hall, New Hope, New York
January 20, 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 December minutes were read; a motion was made by John Nolte and seconded by Bill Stinson to accept the minutes, all approved.

Others Present: Brody Smith, Rick Slagle, Bernie Juli, Barb Eberhardt

New Business:

- Supervisor Slagle introduced Brody Smith from Bond, Schoeneck, & King attorneys at law. Brody will now represent the town as attorney.
- Bob Martin asked what the preferred method of contact would be, Brody advised that an email contact would be answered or a call to the office.
- Mr. Martin as chair of the Planning Board will make contacts from any Planning Board member.
- Mr. Smith noted that he would be available to attend meetings; help with trainings with pre-arrange Town Supervisor approval. He is knowledgeable in environmental issues, zoning and planning.
- Mr. Greene asked Mr. Smith for guidance on storm water protection plans.
- Donna Porter spoke for the Appeals Board and welcomed Mr. Brody; Don Klein the chairman of the Appeals Board will be the main contact on appeals questions.

Current events:

- Mr. Martin suggested that any town member try to meet with Brian Kolb at the Town Hall meetings scheduled at Powers Library, Moravia on March 13th from 10:00-10:45 AM and the Owasco Town Hall from 11:15-noon.
- Rural Futures publication will be notified that the Planning Board members would like to be on their mailing list. Donna will ask Chris Nolte to help with this task.

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- Supervisor Slagle asked the Planning Board to spend some time researching windmills, cell towers, and Marcellus shale.
- Brody Smith informed that Onondaga County has in effect a moratorium on hydrofracking on count land. Mr. Smith will keep us updated on the subject.

Owasco Lake Watershed:

- Town of Owasco is seeking funding to extend a sewerage line from Burtis Point to Koenings Point. Town of Niles will be contacted on the matter.
- Charlie Green shared his thoughts; that Cayuga County has strict requirements but this may open up land for further development.
- Discussion was held on the possibility of a change in ownership of Camp Rotary.

General Discussion:

- On reviewing the Comprehensive plan
- On taxing by equalization rate.
- Charlie Greene will start research wind energy.

A motion was made to adjourn by John Nolte and seconded by Bill Carmen at 8:45.

Respectively submitted,

Donna Porter