

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

October 25, 2011

Present: Dave Russo, Heather Grant, Joe McIlroy, Davies Nagel, Mark Vitale, Frank Rose

Absent: Rob Susz

Others Present: Heather Ferrero, David Deuel, Leigh Gratwick(members of Open Space Presentation)

Chairman Russo called the Planning Board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Davies Nagel

- ↑ to finish zoning need to designate viewsheds and town needs to designate special interest areas
- ↑ is little Italy a viewshed or environmentally sensitive special area

Environmental Resources

- ↑ natural resources of Livingston County including historical – fabric of your community
- ↑ environmental features all mirrored or identified in zoning/comprehensive plan

Historic

- ↑ national register (state, nation, town) – two in York: Gratwick Estate (Linwood Gardens) and Westerly (Chandler & River Road) - page 30-31 Zoning Code 514(5) Protection of Environmental Sensitive areas
- ↑ no regulations to keep someone from tearing it down
- ↑ being listed gives access to funding – National Register eligible sites not applied for yet
- ↑ completely voluntary to be listed and listing doesn't protect historic property
- ↑ municipality puts regulations (teeth) into historic preservation (such as Geneseo
- ↑ SEQR long form if contiguous to or adjacent to historic property (i.e. Gratwick or Westerly) – sort of a layer of protection for these

Planning Board and Farmland Preservation could come up with list of special interest places and have a public hearing to agree to it as a whole and then the town board would have final approval (administrative)

Zoning test amendment could be added to zoning ordinance, also requiring a Public Hearing.

Promote the town by publishing the special places in the Town of York. Special place doesn't need to be historical but listing it on national register makes it eligible and promotes the town. Give specifics (documentation) in minutes.

National Register makes everyone aware of the relevance of the special areas and increase in awareness of protection, rather than regulatory.

David Deuel – Planning Board recommendations are important to the Town Board

Heather Ferrero – Planning Board is an advisory board to the Town Board

- ↑ reach out to the people through the penny saver, website, etc. for recommendations
- ↑ list of special areas outside regulations – more recognition of pride in your town that can be listed on the website – a “gem” list advertisement for town of what they are proud of
- ↑ National Register eligible is the most defensive
- ↑ Viewsheds – 2 listed in Zoning, Genesee River areas (which ones??) and Spezzano Gully (private property & who sees it??)
- ↑ Dutchess Co. (Hudson River) has tourism dollars and why protect lends weight in courts: Town of Amenia (had road visual protection corridor and one for trail), and Phillipstown – map of viewsheds in their zoning, scenic protection overlay district with regulations to go with it – regulations for property along the Hudson are over the top
- ↑ Viewsheds are constantly changing because of nature. Ag would be exempt from viewshed regulations with the exception that if sold it would become regulatory. Can overdo viewsheds and not let any development come in. Can't put everything under regulation.

Mark Vitale doesn't like double standard ag or not ag

Heather Ferrero

- ↑ Everyone had to be on the same page to get approval for viewshed regulations to provide reasons for.
- ↑ Could shade from Batzing Road to Leicester town line along the river as a viewshed. Scenic overlay district would protect this area if subdivided.
- ↑ Piffard would fall into the viewshed. Be prepared to answer questions if someone wants to build in Piffard
- ↑ Maybe have an informational meeting explaining what the viewshed is and what we are trying to do
- ↑ Environmental resources are already covered in zoning
- ↑ Special places don't need to be in regulations, but publish on website, etc.
- ↑ Viewshed – take Spezzano Gully out and focus on the river

Frank Rose moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Joe McIlroy seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Falkner, Clerk