

JOINT MEETING

July 12, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Present: **TOWN BOARD:** William Hasler, Lynn Parnell and Norman Gates
PLANNING BOARD: George Worden (Chair), Frank Rose, Mark Vitale and
Davies Nagel
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Richard Ellis (Chair) and Marjorie Fasano
PLAN/ZONING SECRETARY: Donna Falkner
CLARK PATTERSON ASSOCIATES: Richard Henry
STEINMETZ PLANNING GROUP: John Steinmetz
TOWN CLERK: Christine M. Harris

PURPOSE

Mr. Henry and Mr. Steinmetz requested a meeting with the Boards to discuss the beginning stages of the zoning revision process. A question arose regarding the actual desired number of people to make up the steering committee. Mr. Steinmetz indicated when the Comprehensive Plan was prepared in 2006, the committee consisted of 12 members, and now moving forward with the zoning aspect 12-15 would be the ideal number to consider.

Planning Board Chairman, George Worden expressed to the group the desire to include Heather Ferrero of the Livingston County Planning Department in our process whenever possible. Ms. Ferrero's guidance has been extremely helpful to the Planning Board over the past few years, and within the next week or so she will be off on maternity leave until October, but stated interest in wanting to stay informed.

Mr. Steinmetz and Mr. Henry suggested that the "core" group might be best served by having the same people who worked on the Comprehensive Plan, because they showed such great interest and worked so well together. Mr. Worden also suggested that we schedule future meetings for the 3rd Tuesday of the month, which are the scheduled nights for the York Planning Board.

After a short discussion, the Boards agreed that the following persons will be asked to serve on the steering committee for the Town of York Zoning Revisions:

Zoning Board of Appeals: Richard Ellis (Chairman) and Marjorie Fasano
Planning Board: George Worden Jr. (Chairman), Davies Nagel, Mark Vitale,
Frank Rose Sr. and Rob Susz
Town Board: Gerald Deming (Supervisor) and Lynn Parnell
Plan/Zoning Secretary: Donna Falkner
Zoning/Code Officer: Carl Peter
Liv. Co. Plan. Dept.: Heather Ferrero
Town Attorney: Ronald Cicoria
Community Members: Robert Noble, Local Farmer
Brother David Wilson, Abbey of the Genesee

Planning Board member, Frank Rose stated he would like to see a plan prepared that would be tailored to the Town of York's needs, not copied from another township.

Mr. Henry agreed that every town has its own unique qualities and it will be up to the group to bring those qualities to light, to prepare a zoning revision that the Town of York will be happy with for many years to come. This process will be a joint effort of everyone involved and must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan already in place.

Mr. Worden asked if Mr. Henry and Mr. Steinmetz will be in attendance at all future meetings, or will we be working with one of the two gentlemen. The men agreed that in order to stay current with all discussions, they both intend to be present at each scheduled meeting.

Mr. Henry commented to the Boards that the zoning revision process would not normally take 10 months to complete, but was instructed by Supervisor Deming to spread out the work over this time period due to financial restraints, otherwise they could complete the revisions much sooner. Mr. Worden stated that the Boards are comfortable with the time table because we want to develop a solid plan from the start, even if it takes a bit longer, it will be much better than what is existing. Mr. Worden expressed, he believes the Town truly needs growth, but added, we must be careful as to what type of growth, we enjoy our rural atmosphere and should try to maintain that.

#1 priority: Focus on the subdivision regulations.

** Next Meeting is slated for **Tuesday, August 14th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**

Joint Meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Harris, Clerk