

Caroline Planning Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2010. 6:30pm- 8:15pm

Prepared by Paul Vidovich

Present: Chad Novelli, Bev Liddington, Erica Frenay, Paul Vidovich, Dominic Frongillo, Linda Adams, (absent: Tony Tavelli)

Agenda and Notes-

1. Industrial Site Plan Review (ISPR)- Chad got Linda up to date on where we're at with the ISPR draft law. We are gathering input from board members and others as we attempt to refine the scope of the law, as well as clarify it.

Linda thought that the ISPR law covers LARGE projects, the scope of which we haven't seen in Caroline. So, town folks shouldn't worry that this will alter their ability to pursue business and rural life in town.

Bev thought that ISPR is possibly redundant with the existing Subdivision law. Shouldn't we work within that law so that our efforts are coordinated and don't create unnecessary new laws? What is the overlap between the two?

The PB agreed that we need to look at what triggers the Subdivision law and whether the ISPR is complementary or covers currently unexamined activities that would be good for the town to have some oversight of.

Dominic requested an e-copy of the the Subd. Law for our review, and will send that on to us.

Some discussion of how to protect our town from negative impacts of gas drilling, since it appears that the ISPR does NOT really do this. This doesn't mean that ISPR is not worthwhile for the niche that it does fill. Some discussion about the thresholds of what would trigger the ISPR law.

Linda gave example of the Tioga Landowner's Coalition as being an effective organization to negotiate with gas companies for the protection of health, safety, quality of life, and the environment. They have the flexibility (unlike town or local government) to target the gas industry specifically. The state has been clear that towns only have jurisdiction over roads and the implications on property tax assessments.

Dominic shared some background as to the origin of ISPR and subdivision law, and how they arose from the Town Comprehensive Plan process and are identified as priority action items in the plan.

Dominic will be contacting a geologist/fracking expert to inquire whether he would host a public talk in Caroline to inform town folk about the science of gas drilling.

2. What else should planning board work on?

Dominic shared that our general plan of action should be guided by the town's comprehensive plan. We aren't limited by this, but the Comprehensive plan identified priority action items that we can make good progress on.

We will post an add in the Old Mill publication for a planning board note taker, 3-5 hours per month, about \$15/hour wage.

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Dominic gave us the town board liason update, told us about upcoming town board meeting agenda. He also mentioned a July 1<sup>st</sup> mtg held by Tompkins County Council of Governments, re: CEAs and planning boards. He also mentioned that the TCCOG also suggested a planning board consortium with reps from all towns/cities. Dominic also brought up Comprehensive Plan, page 24, item #9, which was about working with Energy Independent Caroline group. Paul volunteered to be the liason with that group.

Critical Environmental Area's or CEA's- Chad is waiting to hear back from Guy Krogh with some answers to questions we have in to him.

Chad was nominated as the PB Chair, all were in favor, and the town board will vote to appoint chair at their next meeting.

Bev volunteered to be Co-Chair of the PB, and all were in favor, to run meetings in Chad's absence, etc.