

# ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## *Minutes – November 3, 2010*

The Ulster County Planning Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. – Surrogate Courtroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
County Office Building

### **The Executive Committee met**

(Mr. Wilkin, Ms. Elwell, Ms. Hokanson, Ms. Pecora & Mr. Budziak)  
The committee discussed the Nominating Committee and Board Membership.

Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 7:34 and asked Mr. Leibowitz to read the roll call.

- 1. ROLL CALL Present:** R. Pecora, P. Hakim, J. Konior, T. Marion, T. Hokanson, T. Wilkin, F. Greitzer, J. Kane, R. Budziak, G. Matichuk, A. Yuran, A. Zlatkin, R. Elwell, R. Kinnin, S. Finkle, D. Doyle, R. Leibowitz, V. Craft  
**Absent:** T. Natale, L. Biggin, S. Frederick **Excused:** J. Katz, H. Grant, M. Baden, K. Holmquist, M. Watkins  
**Guests:** Michael Novinson-Times Herald Record

### **2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The October minutes were approved. Motion made by Ms. Hokanson, seconded by Ms. Elwell. All were in favor.

### **3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that our Tentative 2011 budget was filed and looks good. He added that this year we are within our budget and should finish the year with no difficulties.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT –** There was no public comment.

### **5. COMMUNITY REPORT**

Ms. Pecora stated the Town of Esopus Library has completed phase 2 of their solar work. Ms. Elwell stated that the tires dumped on the trail in the Town of Ulster have been cleaned up. She added that they are making good progress. Ms. Hokanson stated that the Hampton Inn got their final approval in New Paltz.

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that the Ulster County Salt Storage Facility in New Paltz's solar operation is up and running.

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that NYC has been wasting water through the waste channel as a result of rain storms from early October. This has had a significant impact on the lower Esopus. Mr. Doyle stated he is aware that there is a certain sense of moral outrage with regard to these turbid discharges. Lower Esopus Water Partnership (LEWP) has responded to the DEC and DEP with respect to their position on discharges to the lower Esopus from the wastewater channel and the need for improved operational guideline for this watershed. There should be some scientific basis for these releases and some mitigation associated with it particularly with low flow during the summer. Other concerns include: GAP certifications for farms for irrigation usage that may have high coliform bacteria during release events. Mr. Budziak added that in the Town of Ulster there are concerns with potential issues with the amount of water as it pertains to the sewage facility. If they don't have volume flows there may be the need for an additional treatment facility, which is very expensive.

### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Capital Program Comments – Mr. Doyle stated the only comments received were from Mr. Wilkin, which were included in the Agenda packet. Mr. Doyle asked the Board if they wanted to follow last year's direction and have staff incorporate comments on the program to submit to the County Executive and Legislature with their approval. The Board agreed to have Mr. Doyle incorporate comments for consideration at the December meeting.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### a. **2010 Rental Housing Survey**

Virginia Craft, Sr. Planner with the office gave background information on the survey and described the data and how it is gathered. She stated there are nearly 23,000 rental units in Ulster County and this survey contains data from approximately 5,000 units (more than 21%). The market rate sample is about 12%. Ms. Craft informed the Board that this survey is purely voluntary and offers confidentiality in exchange for information. She added that she has been doing the survey (almost) every year since 2000.

### b. **Board Membership & Educational Requirements**

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that they need to have four hours of educational credit per year (especially in the year that their term ends.) The two members whose terms expire this year are Mr. Wilkin and Mr. Natale. Mr. Doyle added that our Board members receive 15 minutes of credit for each of our meetings attended. He also asked the Board to send in copies of proof of trainings attended elsewhere. Ms. Craft mentioned that training opportunities are available in other counties and added there were a few handouts on the table. Mr. Hakim announced that UCDC was hosting a training session on the next night at the Kirkland Building on "Economic Development 101" if anyone was interested or needed training credit. Mr. Doyle stated that we were planning on doing a "Basics of Planning and Zoning Boards" in December in the Community Room in New Paltz. Mr. Doyle added that if any other communities would like this basic training, they should contact him.

### c. **Nominating Committee – Mr. Wilkin stated that the committee will be comprised of: Roxanne Pecora, Toni Hokanson and Ruth Elwell.**

d. Environmental Notice Bulletin – *No Member Comment*

e. Zoning Referrals – *See Separate Zoning Minutes*

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm