

WILLIAMSON PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2011

APPROVED

Present:

T. DeMarree, Chair
J. Ferrante
J. Fox
T. Wozniak

Absent:

D. Hoffman
R. Stevens
J. Willis

Also in attendance: T. Watson, A. DeNardo, G. Stitt, H. DeCann

The **Work Session** was opened at 7:00 p.m. by T. DeMarree. Agenda Items and materials were reviewed.

The **Planning Board Meeting** was opened at 7:30 p.m. by T. DeMarree.

Members of the Senior Class were welcomed and were given a brief explanation of format of the meeting and what the duties of the Planning Board are. Students were invited to ask questions.

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Planning Board Meeting as written. Motion carried.

Training opportunities were distributed and discussed.

AGENDA

➤ **Agenda Item #1**

Dave DeFisher, DeFisher Fruit Farm
Special Use Permit for migrant labor facility at 2946 Ridge Road

D. DeFisher was not present.

The decision was made to proceed with discussion and recommendation to the Zoning Board.

The Town of Williamson Code Book was referenced. It was decided that this request is not in keeping with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

A Motion was made to recommend to the Zoning Board that they not grant a Special Use permit for a farm labor facility to be located at 2946 Ridge Road, Williamson, NY based on Williamson Code § 178-20 B. Motion carried with T. DeMarree recusing himself from the vote.

➤ **Agenda Item #2**

Master Plan Review

T. Watson was present as the Town Board representative. He again provided information regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that the State requires that there be updates at least once every ten (10) years. This may include reviewing progress of plans in place, looking into things that may have been left off, and looking at priorities of projects. The Plan provides a proactive map of things to do within the town.

The current Plan includes four (4) areas:

- Quality of Life
- Agriculture and Open Space
- Commerce and Industry
- Residential Living

Areas/projects currently underway have to do with:

- Zoning
- Historic Preservation
- Teen Activities
- Farm Markets
- Creating a town marketing plan

The process will take some time to review and will require homework on the part of the Planning Board Members. The Planning Board is charged with keeping a handle on the Comprehensive Plan and its goals. The recently adopted Plan received a lot of public input and the students were encouraged to take an active role in the growth of their community.

The intent for an annual review will be to identify the following:

- What is being worked on
- Status of projects
- Prioritize goals
- A cursory look at what may have been left off
- Possibility of recommending new projects

T. Wozniak has volunteered his assistance on behalf of the Planning Board in this capacity and will stick to the current format. A draft will be presented at the November meeting with the review of the current status. The Planning Board will review and provide their input and also provide T. Wozniak with their ideas and suggestions.

Intra Board

Planning Board members were reminded that the deadline for the training opportunities that were discussed is November 7.

Terms of Planning Board membership for current Planning Board members were discussed.

A Motion was made to adjourn the Planning Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Greaney