

March 23, 2010
Workshop Minutes Planning, Zoning and Town Board

The workshop meeting between the Town Board, Planning, and Zoning Board was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 12 Lewis Street, Town of Maine, County of Broome, State of New York.

Present:	Planning Board	Zoning Board
Councilman: Ernest Palmer	Lee Gayne	Ellen Vachon
Councilman: Roger Congdon	Bruce Pomeroy	Melissa Vicari
Councilman: Todd Rose	John Zunic	Gerard Lenzo
Councilman: Robert Bullock	Elizabeth Coyne	Sec. Diana Lenzo
Code Enforcer: Dan Napierala	AD HOC MEMBERS	Larry Maier
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	Troy Smith	Peter Reynolds
	Howard Harman	William Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Deputy Supervisor Ernest Palmer.
All joined in the pledge to the flag.

As the meeting opened Deputy Supervisor Palmer stated that this is a workshop and everyone should be respectful to each other.

Code Enforcer had an acknowledgement that he had written up. Before the applicant would be able to get a building permit he would have to read this and sign his/her name and date it. There was also a letter to the new business owner that after reading and understanding this the Supervisor or Code Enforcer will sign it. Dan read it for all to hear. Councilman Rose suggested that perhaps there be four or five laws written at the bottom so the person can see what the law says. There was discussion about putting a check list for them to check as it is completed.

The question was also asked if the person applying for the permit should talk to the lead person of the board before it goes before the entire board.

The case on the firewood was brought up for discussion. Is it in the correct zone or is he manufacturing his product?

It was also brought up that perhaps the code enforcer should be available in an evening for people to come and see him.

Mr. Smith said he had read the responses from the people who filled out the questioner and they had stated they wanted retail stores, shops, theaters, banks and that kind of businesses in the town. He thinks this is a zoning issue.

Larry noted that the noise needs to be addressed. Some stated they would not want to sit and eat a lunch while hearing the noise from the wood business. It was also asked what is the difference in the noise from the wood business or a lawn mower or a power saw? Some would like to have a noise ordinance.

Larry then stated that he had talked to the highway superintendent and he had never been asked to sign off on a driveway for a new house. He puts in the sluices but has not been asked to make sure the pitch is correct to sign off when the sluice is placed there. He also stated that the driveway should be wide enough for a fire truck to get up it.

Councilman Bullock would like to have a time limit for the applicant to sign the form. So someone doesn't hang onto it and come back several months or a year later then come back in.

They would like to have the home owner put flags where the corner of the property line is so when they go to look the site over they will know where the line is. They would also like to know where the septic is and the well is.

The question was what will happen if someone does not comply. It was stated then Dan would give them an appearance ticket and they would have to go to court and be fined.

The next question was about the property on Fredericks Road. There were four individuals that went to the Broome County Legislative Meeting to oppose the agriculture designation. A letter had been written by the town attorney and read at the meeting. The county held the matter over to the next month's meeting because there appears to be a question of the town's official position.

Dan stated that they can make maple syrup. Dan has not seen them making wood shavings now. A speaker claimed that the buildings are illegal and they should be made to have them removed.

You cannot have buildings without a house on it first in RR district.

They would also like to know why the town board is not backing the two boards?

Ellen wants to know the difference between manufacturing and processing.

Councilman Rose made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. Councilman Congdon seconded. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Date approved: _____

Nancy Rutkowski, CMC,RMC