

A Board Meeting was held on Monday, November 3, 2008 in the Tannersville Village Hall

Present: Lee McGunnigle, Mayor
Linda Kline, Trustee
Gregory Landers, Trustee
Anthony Lucido, Trustee
Mary Sue Timpson, Trustee
Catherine Palmieri, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Howard Bates, Susan Friedman, Charlie Valk.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Final Comments on Zoning Document/Close Comment Period.

Howard Bates submitted a letter containing his comments on the Zoning Proposal. The Mayor said that the letter would be forwarded to Fraser for implementation into the next version of the document. Mr. Bates asked whether Fraser could highlight where changes are being made from one version of the document to the next for clarity. The Mayor agreed and asked that this be requested of Fraser or that they possibly include a cover page itemizing what changes are being made as a result of the public comment. There was also a letter from Jeff Prince with comments on the document.

Mountain Top Library–Letter of Support Request. The Mayor asked the Board if they have had a chance to read over the request by the Library for a letter supporting their request for a Main Street Grant and called the Board’s attention to a draft letter provided. There was one change made in the letter provided where reference was made to an “effort to minimize the adult entertainment element...” This was changed to “effort to minimize the night club entertainment...” as there has never been adult entertainment in the Village. The Mayor made a motion to forward the letter as amended. Trustee Kline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Susan Friedman, Campaign Assistant for the project, indicated that Nina Mankin, Campaign Director, also asked for an amendment to the Village’s Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor explained that the Comprehensive Plan presently lists the Marian Center as a church, and he made a motion that the Comprehensive Plan be amended to identify the former Marian Center now as the Mountain Top Library. Trustee Lucido seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 5-0. The Mayor indicated that he informed Fraser of the need for this change this afternoon.

For the record, Ms. Mankin stated in her email of November 2nd that “I am awaiting final confirmation from the State Grants Administrator, but he suggested that for this round the Library apply just for the Library Building and that it would still be possible to apply in the Spring for more buildings within a target area (that would need to be contiguous.) ... I’ve asked him to confirm again that I am not weakening our application by just including the one building.”

Rip Van Winkle Well Update: The Mayor asked the Board to look at the emails that have gone back and forth from engineers and individuals regarding removing the arsenic from the well. It seemed to him originally that as arsenic must have been present in a lot of wells that it could be expected that there was a predesigned and engineered filtration system that would take care of the problem. The Mayor pursued this avenue for a while and the Board has seen some of the bids. In reality, the Department of Health wants an engineer's stamp on it, and we are going to have to decide on an engineering firm to review whatever improvements we do to the well. In response to Trustee Lucido's question, the Mayor indicated that the Town of Windham has the same problem and they are using Delaware Engineering.

The Mayor said a few engineering firms are coming up with different concepts. We are going to have to make a decision on an engineering firm and the concept. The concepts range from adding a system that was proposed to us to diluting the water before it enters the public system. For one, the start up cost might be more to begin with but there would not be as much maintenance. Another system is not as costly to put in but, depending on how much it is used, could result in costly operation and maintenance each year. The Department of Health is appreciative that we are looking at the problem closely and analyzing all options. We want to make it clear to the public that we are not using the well and have not used it for two years. The Mayor said that the Village will continue to gather information and that he wanted to be sure that the Board was up to speed on where we are at present. He added that he had hoped it was going to be a quick fix and that there was enough money in the Capital Improvement Fund to get it done rather than just talk about it. But apparently that is not the case. The Mayor said that there is a water study done by Fraser in the office and he recommended that the Board members take a look at it.

Howard Bates commented that he had experience with small wells in the Adirondacks where, for example, they would run a well at a summer camp for three or four days and it would lower the level of contaminants to where the water met the standards of DOH. Trustee Kline said she felt that even if this could be done in the Village it could possibly result in a water emergency. Another question she had was how long would the water remain at a satisfactory level before rising back up to the unsatisfactory levels.

Charlie Valk, who stated that he ran the Village water system for ten years, joined the discussion which then became more technical. Mr. Valk said that the State has changed the standards so stringently that where in the past they looked at parts per million, now it is parts per billion. The Mayor stated that it would be necessary to accept a few more proposals and keep working on it. He said he would not be comfortable, if still on the Board by next summer, not to have the well in question ready to go if needed in August.

Trustee Timpson raised the subject of Oteora Park. The Mayor said the valve is broken and we have not taken water from them for seven years. Trustee Landers said it was told to him that it contains about a day's use of water. Trustee Timpson said she feels that it should be kept as an option to have it as a water source. Discussion continued about the repair of the valve, some of which was inaudible. Mr. Valk said he

estimates that the repair in his opinion should not cost more than a couple of thousand dollars. Trustee Landers said that salt and sand is expected from us in return for use.

The Mayor asked whether a letter went to Onteora on the subject of our providing salt and sand for the coming season. It was unclear whether a letter went out to them for this year. Discussion continued. The Mayor said it should go on the agenda for discussion at the next Board Meeting. Trustees Lucido and Timpson also agreed that it should be discussed at the next opportunity.

Approval of Planning Minutes from September and October, 2008. Trustee Landers made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Kline seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. (Trustee Lucido called attention to the fact that he was absent from the October meeting and therefore abstained from approving them. He approved the September minutes.)

Privilege of the Floor: Howard Bates asked if he could give an update on the subject of **CC Lots**. The Mayor replied that the Planning Administrator requested that the CC Lots project be carried over to the next regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 18. The Mayor further stipulated that all necessary materials must be submitted to the office for review by November 7th, ten days prior to the meeting.

The Mayor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Timpson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Catherine Palmieri, Deputy Clerk