

**TOWN OF ESPERANCE
ZONING RE-WRITE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2013**

PRESENT:

Timothy Rank, Chairman
Raymond Gillis Sr., Vice-Chairman
Shane Nickle, Senior Planner, Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency
Susan Brower
Bill Brynda
Jane Hickey
Joseph J. Kopacz
Thomas Slater

ABSENT:

Michelle Brust
Pamela Newell
Lisa Ovitt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rank at 7:35 pm. Shane Nickle indicated that he prepared a new draft Zoning Law and emailed it to the committee members. He requested that members print copies and review it prior to the September meeting. Text highlighted in yellow is newly added text, text highlighted in green is for consideration and text with the ~~striketrough~~ is eliminated.

There was some discussion on the riparian section of the new draft. Not every stream has to be part of the riparian zone. Recommendations can be selective. The committee may wish to exempt already developed areas. This type of zoning is best applied to small undeveloped tributaries. Mr. Nickle indicated that a draft riparian map will be available on the county website.

Mr. Nickle handed out a draft Appendix A- Use and Area Schedule. This format type could be used instead of having the Use and Areas listed as text in the body of the law.

Some further issues for discussion:

- Should Special Use Issues/requests go to the Planning Board instead of the Zoning Board of Appeals?
- Prohibited Uses Section 12.1.3 p. 27- Long list is now in chart form and currently excludes natural gas exploration
- Should we adopt a stand alone Road Preservation Law similar to Sharon Springs?
- Pipeline is exempt from local zoning
- Should we have a stand alone Damaged Buildings Law?
- Pg 23- Do we need to add reference to a SEQRA form?
- Should we expand the Commercial Zoning District?
- Should we eliminate the mobile home park on Creek Road?

Committee members are encouraged to compare the Comprehensive Plan Permitted Uses with those in the Use and Area Schedule prior to the September meeting. Members are encouraged to share their thoughts via email/mail with other committee members.

Next Meeting set for Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas H. Slater