

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
JULY 2, 2007 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN CRAIG ARTIST - absent
TOWN COUNCILMAN DAVID BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
SUPERVISOR NICKY B. WOERNER

Supervisor Woerner announced that there were a few more items to add to the agenda: to set a public hearing for Dena Marie Plaza including the Texas Road House Restaurant and to allow the Republican Committee to use two voting machines at the Republican caucus.

Mrs. Pat Metzger – Is not in favor of the site plan extension for the Shop Rite Plaza due to the change in the area.

Mr. Brian Cahill – Concurred with Mrs. Metzger’s statement that the site plan should not be extended and that the previous board noted that the last extension would be the last.

Town Summer Camp Program

Councilman Secreto reported that the summer camp is busy. He reported that about 200 children are in attendance. There are 90 Renegades tickets that were donated to the town. The camp plans to take the older kids to a game and have a special activity for the younger ones. July 13, 2007 is the Children’s Day Parade in Kingston. The theme is cartoons. There will be a soccer clinic on how to play soccer. Supervisor Woerner reported that they are trying to plan a day trip to Bel Air for a picnic. The staff is doing a great job.

Public Hearing for Dena Marie Plaza

Councilman David Brink motioned to set a public hearing for the Dena Marie Plaza located at 800 & 810 Miron Lane (SBL 48.5-2-20.11 & 20.22) for July 16, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Harwich Street – Petition for speed limit of 30 MPH

Supervisor Woerner reported that there was a young girl who was struck by a car on Harwich Street. A petition was submitted to him to lower the speed limit to 30 MPH and to install a “children at play” sign on the street. He referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee for their recommendations. He spoke to the Police Department and their recommendation was to install sidewalks. He doesn’t think this is a practical idea due to the property layout.

Town Budget process

Supervisor Woerner reported that the town budget process would begin in late July for 2008.

Town of Ulster Republican Committee request to use two election machines for July 18, 2007 Caucus

Supervisor Woerner moved to allow the Republican Committee to use the election machines for July 18, 2007 provided that they insure the machines against damage.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Authorizing an extension of site plan approval for the Shop Rite Plaza.

Supervisor Woerner reported that a request was received for a site plan extension for Shop Rite Plaza. The reason for the extension is because the property was recently purchased and the site plan approval needs to be in place to maintain the financing (for construction). A meeting was held with the Town Attorney, Town Planner, Town Supervisor and the Chairman of the Town Planning Board about the subject. The purchaser of the property is in the process of submitting new plans that will address the various issues such the town traffic flow.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to approve the site plan extension approval for the Shop Rite Plaza until the expected completion of the construction date of February 8, 2009.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

The adoption of the Town of Ulster Comprehensive Master Plan

Councilman Joel B. Brink moved for the Ulster Town Board, as lead agency, to declare that the proposed action of adopting the Town of Ulster Comprehensive Plan will not have an adverse impact on the environment and issue a Negative Declaration. This is based upon the previous completion of a long Environmental Assessment Form.

2nd by Councilman Secetro

Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Councilman David Brink moved to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2007 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF ULSTER, NEW YORK.

Whereas, the Town appointed a Comprehensive Plan Committee to create a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Ulster, and

Whereas, the Committee met monthly at the Town Hall, held a series of public workshops, and mailed 1,000 Comprehensive Plan Surveys to property owners and residents in order to get public input into the development of the new Comprehensive Plan, and

Whereas, the Committee referred the draft Plan to the Town Board for consideration in March of 2007, and

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Whereas, the Town Board, at its March 19, 2007 public meeting scheduled a public hearing with the Committee on the creation of the Comprehensive Plan,

Whereas, the Town Board placed Public Notices in its official newspaper and held a joint Town Board/Committee public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan on April 16, 2007, and

Whereas, following the close of the public hearing, the Town Board accepted the draft Plan as complete and referred the draft Plan to the County for GML 239 review, and

Whereas, the Town Board placed Public Notices in its official newspaper and held a second public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan which was held on May 1, 2007, and

Whereas, the Town Board declared its intent to become Lead Agency on May 1, 2007 for the purpose of complying with Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and

Whereas, following the public hearings and comments received from the County of Ulster pursuant to GML Section 239 1 & m; the Town Board considered comments received and worked to complete the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan, and

Whereas, as Lead Agency, the Town Board at its June 5, 2007 meeting determined that adoption of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan met the criteria for a Type I Action and determined that a Full Environmental Assessment Form with an expanded Part 3 should be prepared, and

Whereas, the Town Board has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan, Full EAF with expanded Part 3 and determined that the Adoption of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has determined that they have complied fully with the procedural requirements of Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ulster Town Board finds that the adoption of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan will not have an adverse impact on the environment and therefore adopts a *Negative Declaration*, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that in consideration of the above statements of fact and findings that the adoption of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan will not adversely impact the environment, the Town Board hereby adopts the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Ulster, New York on this 2nd day of July, 2007.

2nd by Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken - Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

The members of the Town Board thanked the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Mr. Alan J. Sorensen, AICP, the Town Planner for their hard work on this project.

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Supervisor Woerner opened the public hearing at 7:45 PM for the purpose of transferring of excess money from the Glenerie Lateral connection program to the East Kingston Lateral connection program.

There were no comments.

Councilman David Brink moved to close the public hearing at 7:48 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Councilman Joel B. Brink moved to authorize the Town Supervisor to transfer the funding for the Glenerie Lateral Connection Program to the East Kingston Lateral Connection Program.
2nd by Councilman David Brink
Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

There was a discussion about the Town identifying itself and having its own zip code. Supervisor Woerner reported that he had contacted the Kingston Postmaster and it is very unlikely for the town to have its own zip code. It was noted that there were Town of Ulster signs at all the entrances to the town.

Mr. Richard Metzger suggested that the Town place some signs noting Robert E. Post Park on Route 32 and Rider Park on Ulster Landing Road.

Councilman David Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk