

Town of Olive
County of Ulster
State of New York
Thursday, April 28, 2011

Minutes of a workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Thursday, April 28, 2011, 2:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan. The purpose of the meeting as stated in the legal notice was to review Draft #1 of the Town of Olive Comprehensive Plan.

Members Present: Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor
 Henry Rank, Board Member
 Linda Burkhardt, Board Member
 Bruce La Monda, Board Member
 Peter Friedel, Board Member

Others Present: Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman; Matthew Rudikoff and
 Will Agresta of Matthew Rudikoff Associates.

On a Leifeld/Burkhardt motion and unanimous roll vote the Town Board approved adoption of Resolution #7 of 2011 Establishing "No Smoking" Zones in Town of Olive Parks. Roll vote being: Rank, yes; Burkhardt, yes; La Monda, yes; Friedel, yes; and Leifeld, yes.

On a Leifeld/Burkhardt motion the Town Board unanimously appointed Dennis Morley of Boiceville to serve as member of the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Morley's appointment fills the term vacated by the resignation of Paul Maloney. His term will begin immediately and will expire 9/30/11.

Supervisor Leifeld asked Drew Boggess what he and members of the Planning Board think about the draft Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Boggess stated he feels it's important what the Town Board thinks; but, he is pleased with the plan in that it doesn't change much—zoning doesn't change, land use doesn't change, and it encourages people to use the natural resources in the Town. He stated if the DEP allows canoeing on the reservoir then it could generate mom and pop type stores. Will Agresta stated there is nothing in this plan which commits the town to anything. He stated that focusing on the natural aspects could also help with economic aspects noting as the town proceeds, grants will become available then.

Charles Blumstein stated the plan does say that it is desired to centralize offices on Route 28 and feels there is a need for forestry issues to be addressed. Drew Boggess stated what one thing came out of the charette was that we do not have a central location in town—one of the few towns that doesn't. He noted the feeling was that if a town center were to develop it would probably be in the Boiceville area because of the sewer district being there.

Board Member Friedel stated it is a plan of what we will do and expressed concern though it has been said that no change will be made. He stated that the charette was not representative of the town with only four people there that represented the town. In response to the need for a survey, Will Agresta stated that surveys can be very expensive and the Town Board had requested we not go in that direction as the Town Board wanted to handle this personally as a board.

Town of Olive
Resolution #7 of 2011
Establishing "No Smoking Zones" in the Town of Olive Parks

Whereas, the Ulster County Health Department and the Tobacco Free Action Coalition of Ulster County have outlined the adverse effects of smoking and second hand smoke on young people under the age of 18; and,

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Olive has requested the Town of Olive Recreation Committee provide their suggestion for creating tobacco-free zones at our town parks; and,

Whereas, the Town of Olive Recreation Committee has suggested the Town of Olive adopt "No Smoking Zones" within the Olive parks.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, from this day forward the Town Board of the Town of Olive adopts "No Smoking Zones" in Lester S. Davis Park, Grant Avery Park, and Olivebridge Park not limited to the following areas: pavilions, playground areas, softball fields, baseball fields, soccer fields, swimming areas, basketball court areas, and tennis court areas. Said "No Smoking Zones" will be identified by the proper signage as provided by the Tobacco Free Action Coalition.

	Aye	Nay
Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor	_____	_____
Henry Rank, Board Member	_____	_____
Linda Burkhardt, Board Member	_____	_____
Bruce La Monda, Board Member	_____	_____
Peter Friedel, Board Member	_____	_____

Dated this 28th day of April, 2011

Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Olive Town Clerk

Board Member La Monda stated he feels this is a scaled down boiler plate plan because we wanted it that way. He stated that none of these things set policy and doesn't think it's such a bad thing. He stated that it would help us when applying for grants by having a master plan.

Board Member Friedel stated it says no building in West Shokan in the view shed saying what you can build and where you're going to build it. It was noted by Will Agresta that the town's zoning is doing that now. Drew Boggess stated that the town has no authority to stop someone from clear cutting their property. Board Member Friedel asked if what they're proposing is what they are doing in Woodstock to which the reply was "no".

Drew Boggess stated if you want grant money to do things then you have to have a master plan so you need it to be palatable. Board Member Friedel asked why do we have to say no building in the view shed. Will Agresta stated it doesn't say "no building", but, it does say protect the view shed. It was stated that the Master Plan doesn't prohibit anything; it is a guideline and a suggestion.

Charles Blumstein stated the focus on a central hamlet is expressed on pages 5, 7, 8 & 13. He noted it states the town does not have a central hamlet; but, in fact, we have seven hamlets and asked why we need an identifiable town center.

Board Member Burkhardt requested using the word "could" versus "should" be inserted in these cases. General consensus from the Town Board was that the words be changed.

Board Member Friedel asked what this plan is going to do for us. Supervisor Leifeld responded that in all the meetings he attends the first thing that he hears was that only towns with master plans would get money, further noting the only money out there today is from grants. He stated that if the town does nothing and has no master plan then we're not going to get anywhere. Supervisor Leifeld further stated this is a document that will be pulled out in a few years and we'll be glad we have it. Board Member Friedel asked what is this master plan going to force us to do—to which everyone answered "nothing". Matthew Rudikoff stated it defines policy and is a document stating values that the Town Board feels important. He stated the plan is a statement of what is important with general directions discussed noting its use is that when you choose to do something you reference the plan having already established that certain initiatives are important.

Charlie Blumstein stated we didn't reach out to timber foresters and other groups. Board Member Burkhardt stated we did not reach out to specific groups; we reached out to the entire town. She stated it is a town resident's responsibility to stay informed by what is going on noting legal notices and posters were put up in all the town centers.

Board Member Rank noted that we should have had a master plan before we had zoning.

Matthew Rudikoff stated he would like to hear any other comments from the Town Board and if there are any specifics that need to be changed. Will Agresta asked for a date to get all suggestions and corrections to him for a second draft. It was stated the Town Board would review these suggestions at the May 9th meeting and submit an edited draft to them after that meeting.

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned on a Leifeld/La Monda motion at 3:15 pm.

Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk