

Town of Olive  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Minutes of a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Olive held Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 1 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan, NY. The purpose of the meeting as stated in the legal notice was to meet with Matthew D. Rudikoff Associates, Inc., to discuss the process of implementing a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Olive.

Members Present:            Berndt Leifeld, Supervisor  
                                 Henry Rank, Board Member  
                                 Linda Burkhardt, Board Member  
                                 Bruce La Monda, Board Member  
                                 Peter Friedel, Board Member (arrived 1:20 pm)

Recording Secretary:     Sylvia Rozzelle, Town Clerk

Others Present:            John Ingram, Code Enforcement Officer; Drew Boggess, Planning Board Chairman; Matthew D. Rudikoff Associates, Inc., President, Matthew Rudikoff; and William Agrestra, Director of Planning

Supervisor Leifeld stated that the Town Board is looking at keeping this comprehensive plan to a \$15 to \$20 thousand cost and a 15 page document. He stated the Town Board wants to have a short version and not the long version we had before. Supervisor Leifeld asked if anyone on the town board has any objection to taking the old draft, dusting it off, and coming up with a shorter document to which all board members were in agreement. Board Member La Monda stated he is not interested in having a big document, but, does want it specific to Olive.

Drew Boggess stated that he feels we want a basic outline as the town's zoning ordinance and districts are already established.

Matthew Rudikoff stated the board has the option of running the comprehensive plan process itself or appointing a committee. He stated the board may want to have a technical input group that the town board will invite into specific issues. On Leifeld/Burkhardt motion the Town Board unanimously approved the Town Board taking the lead role in the comprehensive plan and going along with a technical input group.

Potential members of the Town of Olive Comprehensive Plan Technical Input Group who will provide assistance to the Town Board and its consultant on an as needed basis are not limited to the following: Andrew Boggess, Planning Board Chair and Helene Grant (suggested by Andrew Boggess), Planning Board member; Jim Mays, ZBA Chairman, Jimmy Fugel, Highway Superintendent; John Ingram, Code Enforcement Officer; Dom Covello, Building Inspector; Gene Sorbellini, Recreation Director; Bill Cook, Assessor; Jennifer Schwartz, Ulster County Planning, Peter Manning, Catskill Center for Conservation (Rt. 28 Corridor Study), Alan White,

CCCD Executive Director, Alan Rosa, CWC; La Mar Hasbrouck, UC Public Health Director; Paul Rush, NYC DEP; and Ulster County Soil & Water.

The Town Board agreed that Drew Boggess would represent the town as contact person to Rudikoff Associates.

Supervisor Leifeld noted that Board Member Friedel was not present when the board voted on their being the lead role in the comprehensive plan process and asked him for his input. Board Member Friedel stated he was in agreement with the Town Board.

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding what vision those present had for the Town of Olive. Those suggestions were not limited to: maintaining Olive's rural character; encourage in home occupations or cottage industries; maintain scenic view shed for tourism and economy; discouraging large apartments or condominiums; and encourage farming and community supported agriculture.

Will Agresta stated that the process should take about six months with late September as a target date. The Town Board set October 2, 2010 as a date for an all date input session and public hearing where all interested residents and/or technical input groups would be available for comments on the comprehensive plan.

Will Agresta presented correspondence #39-10 outlining potential priority focus areas for the Town Board to consider.

All business pertinent having been conducted the Town Board adjourned at 3:00 pm on a Leifeld/La Monda motion.

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Sylvia B. Rozzelle, Town Clerk