

TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY
PLANNING BOARD
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OTHERS PRESENT: JOE AND BETSY BERGEN, CLAYTON AND HELEN EMICK

#1. PRESENTATION BY DON McCORD AND DUDLEY BREEDS

At tonight's meeting Don McCord and Dudley Breeds presented an Opportunities Plan for the town of North Harmony.

Dudley Breeds is a landscape designer from Syracuse who has been brought in to see what he may be able to recommend for our town. He has done some work in Westfield and has suggested that the Council of the Arts grant may help to cover the costs of any decided projects.

It was suggested that we may bring a Farmers Market into the area. A market such as this would allow the community to purchase locally grown food and would also provide income for local farmers. Another possibility is to find an alternative for signs in the area whether it be road or business. Redesigning them may help them to appear more friendly and easier to understand.

Integrating walk ways that run along creeks or waterways would introduce more activity and possibly easier access to public buildings. Pathways also provide a safe place for people to use bicycles or take walks. Also moving some business parking to the backside of a building would offer room in front for landscape. This would create a better visual effect and allow the building to look more attractive.

A recreational park was suggested as well as doing something to complement the ferry. Moving the town building was mentioned, and if it were to be relocated how would it tie in to the post office to maintain the quaint small town feeling. A lot of these ideas have been suggested to bring in tourists as well as to help the community to feel close knit.

After talking to the town to see what the land is good for and what community members may be interested in Dudley will create some tissue maps to act as an example of what kind of landscape may be introduced.

In conclusion there were also some community members present who wished to discuss the hotel project. The project was not on the agenda for this particular meeting. It was also a request that the town website be more recently updated with meeting information and agenda.

BONNIE COULTER, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK