

**TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY  
PLANNING BOARD**

**Tuesday July 22 , 2008 7:00**

**(MEETING HELD AT NORTH HARMONY SR. CITIZEN'S)**

**PLANNING BOARD: WALTER GEIST, RICHARD JOHNSON, JULIE  
LESCYNSKI, PATRICK RICE, RICHARD SENA, STEVE SENSKE, JOHN  
WARNER**

**Others Present: John McGraw, S. Carlson, D. Stapleton, N. Thomas,  
R. Whitney, B. Ward, J. Gould, A. Thomas, numerous area  
residents/property owners**

Mr. McGraw was at tonight's meeting. He said that the alternative plans he had been prepared to present were not complete or ready for public view. He has asked the board to remember that there were 14 other hotels in the area at one time or another in history. One in particular was around 130 feet tall. He told the board that these hotels were close to the water and made the area notable.

Mr. McGraw told the board what he expected of his typical customer. He said they would most likely be dual income people who would come to spend \$300 a day and stay for three to five days. This would not be a trucker environment. They will be middle aged people who might bring canoes or kayaks. He does not envision them bringing power boats.

Mr. McGraw said the Euro is doing well. Europeans and Canadians can afford to travel long distances. These people want to see a clean new looking hotel. This hotel could also host weddings and meetings so it could sustain a longer season that the norm of 6 to 8 weeks.

Mr. McGraw said there has been a lot of feedback, some good some not. He said people don't understand how much money could be made, and that sewage would be an asset for the lake and the community. Mr. McGraw would like for people to change their thinking of the height requested. The height would not block the view and like the bridge, it's something to get used to.

In conclusion it was asked when the board could see super imposed photographs of the project, when something new may be presented and if there would be any other possibilities for the board to look at. Mr. McGraw answered he thought he would have more to offer at this point, but the DEC needs to review things before he is allowed to talk about anything with the board. He hopes to have more to offer in possibly three weeks. It has been requested by Sally Carlson that she have the agenda in writing before the meeting so people do not go out of their way to be at meetings they don't need to be at.

The next meeting will be held at the town building on the second Tuesday of the month of August. The R-6 request is not on the agenda at this time.

Bonnie Coulter

Planning Board Clerk