

**TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY
PLANNING BOARD
Tuesday July 8th , 2008 7:00 PM**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Don McCord, Sally Carlson, Brad Lawson

At tonight's meeting Brad Lawson has updated the board about Lake Side Camping. There are permits going to the zoning board concerning portable roofs on RV's. There was also some discussion about property owners having too many unregistered vehicles in their yards.

Don McCord is in attendance tonight and has created with the help of the planning board a draft survey. Mr. McCord also answered why the town needs a comprehensive plan. The plan would provide guidance for changes to zoning; evaluate need for infrastructure and the preservation of wooded property tracts. This plan would also help to control the outcome of future development, protect the quality and character of neighborhoods, and protect against litigation.

Mr. McCord believes North Harmony is 20 minutes from everywhere, such as recreation and grocery shopping. The town is a good place to raise children, has a good school system. Stow Ferry and the lake are nearby as well as the Chautauqua Institution. Some issues that may need to be addressed in North Harmony may be the lack of jobs, no infrastructure and derelict properties. It was also noted that Goose Creek floods two or three times a year and it needs to be addressed.

Don McCord went over the draft survey with the board. The Ashville, Stow and Stedman areas are going to be identified separately, as well as lakefront property owners. Some of the questions include information about age, how far you commute to go to work, if you own property or rent. Some of the questions will have a number rating system to rate importance. It was suggested to ask if the people want a new town hall. Mr. Sena suggested that #5 on the draft survey be broken down into a more specific question such as what would you like to see in the town, a box store or Cracker Barrel etc. Don McCord suggests asking what people would like to see on the interchange as well. #4 on the survey could be turned into a question concerning industrial or commercial opportunities and placement. #6 may be grouped into two different questions. Mr. Sena and Mr. Warner think it important to ask a question concerning rental opportunities. Mr. McCord also

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would like to find out how important it is for residents to be able to access the lake. Some of the answers to question #9 may be eliminated.

Mr. Rice would like to include a cover letter with the survey. It was also suggested to ask for volunteers for a community advisory board.

The next meeting is on July 22nd at 7:00, at the senior citizens building. The survey will be on the agenda if possible. Also on the agenda is the R6 district. Mr. McGraw will be giving the board a presentation. This meeting is public but there will be no public input.

Bonnie Coulter, P.B clerk