

**TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY
PLANNING BOARD
Tuesday August 12, 2008**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: SALLY CARLSON, DON McCORD

At tonight's meeting Pat Rice asked if anyone had heard from Mr. McGraw since the last meeting. Sally Carlson informed the board that she has not heard from him but has made a request that Mr. McGraw submit in writing to his attorney and the attorney submit to the board anything that needs to be relayed. Also if Mr. McGraw would like to meet with the planning board, Sally would like to know who will be in attendance and how long they would be speaking.

It was also brought to the board's attention that Elizabeth Bergen, attorney, has made a Freedom of Information request for the entire file regarding the Bootey Bay Project. This is public information. A letter from the Sierra Club was also received in opposition of the building of the hotel as well.

Mr. Johnson asked if the board was obligated with some kind of time line to do something regarding the R6 district. Mr. Rice replied that there is no obligation at this point because the board is still waiting for requested information from Mr. McGraw. It was also said that there may be a new architect for the project.

There will be a rededication of the lighthouse at the ferry landing and the board is invited to the ceremony.

Mr. McCord was also present to go over the drafting of the survey. Some of the questions have now been revised. Page two gets into some quality of life questions. The questions were asked upon request of the board. There are some questions on the survey that will let residents rank areas of the town such as town administration, road maintenance, fire protection, code enforcement, the transfer station, youth activities and housing. There will also be areas in the survey for residents to give their opinions on things as well. It was mentioned that the library should be added to the survey since the town subsidizes it. The board suggested that the questions be asked with as much practicality as possible.

One of the questions on the survey was focused on wind towers, be it commercial or residential. This is an important question because the wind towers are becoming more frequent in our area. These towers have been noted to decrease taxes and are considered better for the environment. Mr. McCord said that in relation to the towers most people either think they are beautiful or think they are awful. Mr. Johnson said he believes that the state

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decides who gets the extra energy from the wind towers.

Another question is directed toward the town hall. It has been an idea to either expand or build a new town building. The building has undergone some updating already, but the court needs to be expanded and the court clerk needs an enclosed office.

The last questions on the survey are open ended. The residents will be welcomed to give their own opinions about the town they live in. Mr. Senske asked Mr. McCord how difficult it would be to send the survey out and get all of the answers put into some kind of general consensus. Mr. McCord suggest the board give out a couple of sample surveys, and to possibly utilize a program available at a reasonable rate at Fredonia state. The surveys provide information that could be used by the town in many different ways in the future. Mr. Johnson would like to have the survey available to the public in one way or another as well. The board would like to have the survey sent out at least by mid September.

The next meeting will be held on August 26th at 7:00. This meeting will concern the survey, wind towers and adult entertainment.

Bonnie Coulter
Planning Board Clerk