

Town of Richford Planning Board

MINUTES – July 3, 2013

PRESENT – Emilie Stuhlmiller, John Schwartz, Charlie Davis, Victoria Nuzzo,

Absent: Kim Stanford, Bill Stell

Meeting started at 7:09 pm. The June minutes were reviewed. Schwartz moved and Davis seconded to accept the May minutes as written; unanimously approved.

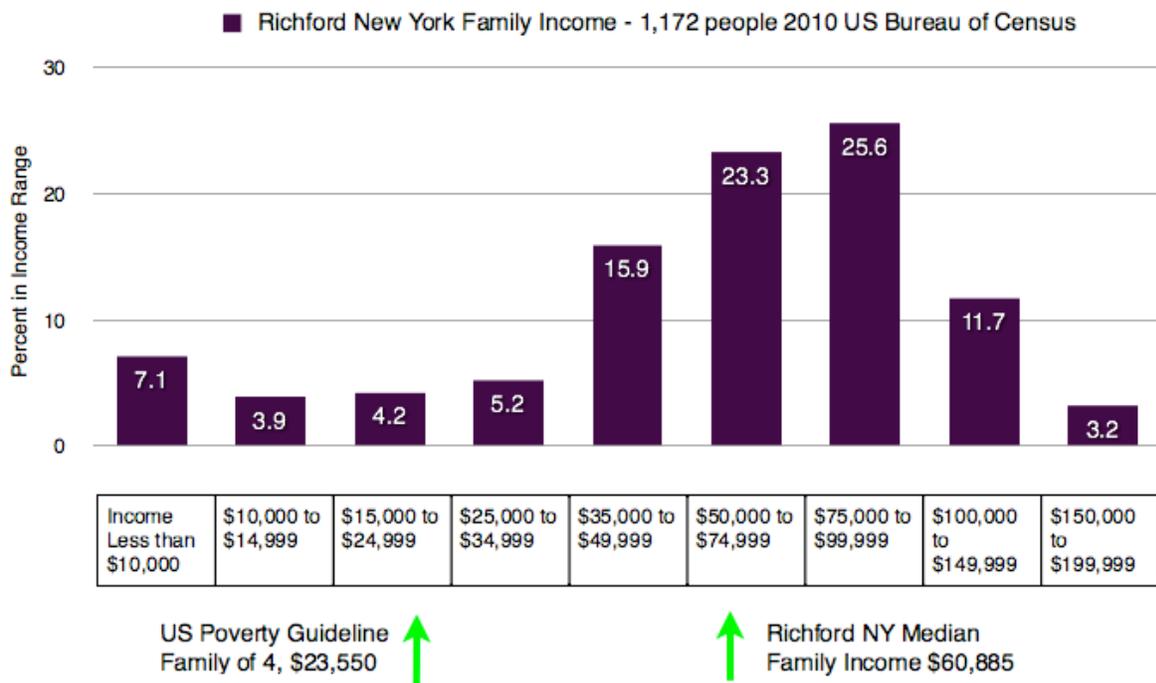
OLD BUSINESS:

Schwartz spoke with Stephen Sanyshyn of Delta Engineering about the cost to prepare a road law for the Town. The cost will be approximately \$10,000; less if other Towns join in, and less if we do some of the work, such as the traffic counts. They have worked in Danby. They do Road Assessment, legal documentation templates for road protection law and permits etc; and they will provide legal assistance if you get challenged in court; and they will provide protocols for what to do when development begins. Schwartz proposes to contact Planning Boards and Town Boards in Caroline, Harford, Berkshire and Lisle to have a meeting with Delta. Engineering. He will also contact Danby and inquire about their experience. Nuzzo moved and Davis seconded that Schwartz email Supervisor Wilcox and present the case for a joint meeting of adjacent Town Boards and Planning Boards of the Towns of Caroline, Lisle and Harford and Berkshire to see if they are interested in a joint meeting with Delta Engineering to gather information. Passed unanimously.

Schwartz described a meeting next Tuesday in the Berkshire Community Hall about the economics of fracking, including impact on oil and gas leases, and a presentation on Projected Gas Well Production in Tioga County NY. The meeting is hosted by BASE (Berkshire Alliance for Sustainable Energy).

NEW BUSINESS:

Schwartz presented a graph of the Richford demographics, indicating that 17% of residents are below the poverty line. Nuzzo stated this would be useful for the updated Comprehensive Plan, see 2010 US Bureau of Census Graph below.



About 16% of the families in Richford NY, about 1 in 6 families, have income that is less than the US Poverty Guideline for a family of 4.

Schwartz brought information about potential grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission. One component is for transportation and highways; Schwartz proposes working with adjacent Towns that border the same watersheds, especially the east and west branches of Owego Creek.

Stuhlmiller handed out the sheet for the next newsletter preparation. There will be elections this fall for two Town Board seats, Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent (2 candidates), and County District Attorney (3 candidates).

Stuhlmiller moved and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.