

Town of Richford Planning Board

MINUTES – January 1 2014

PRESENT – Charlie Davis, Emilie Stuhmiller, John Schwartz, Victoria Nuzzo, Bill Stell,

ABSENT - Kim Stanford

Meeting started at 7:04 pm. The December minutes were reviewed. The 2 letters were omitted from the minutes to maintain personal privacy of those involved. Stell moved to accept the amended minutes and Stuhmiller seconded to accept the December minutes as amended; unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officers selected for 2013: Davis agreed to remain as president pending Town Board approval; Schwartz was nominated as Vice-Chair and Nuzzo was nominated as Secretary by Schwartz; Stell seconded; unanimously approved. Davis will post all meeting dates and times as required by law; the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Discussion about the newsletter. Will include articles on the post office, what can be recycled and what can be deposited in the Town dumpster (if space allows). There is no convenient place to recycle compact fluorescents bulbs. Nuzzo suggested having a bin at the Town trash truck to deposit fluorescent bulbs and batteries. Stell suggested putting a sign up at the Town Dump indicating what can be deposited in the dump and what requires correct recycling.

Schwartz suggested a special newsletter that would include all information about emergencies – shelter-in-place information; train derailment; power loss; flooding, etc.

Discussion about the Post Office closure and what steps can be taken to have the post office reopened. Discussion about distributing the newsletter to Richford post office box patrons at the Newark Valley Post Office – before the Post Office was closed, the Richford post mistress placed stamped newsletters in each post office box here in Richford. Davis will talk with the Post Mistress in Newark Valley about continuing this service.

Discussion about the Public Conduct resolution. Councilwoman Herrick has responded with suggestions, Davis incorporated those, and returned the draft resolution. Herrick will present it to the Town Board.

Discussion about the Code of Ethics draft resolution. Decision to use an existing resolution template available from the State, and delete the sections about establishing a Town Board of Ethics and requiring financial disclosures. Davis will send the template to Nuzzo to modify.

Lengthy discussion about the Comprehensive Plan Survey.

Schwartz presented information on grants available through the Community Revitalization Program.

Stell moved and Schwartz seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.