

Town of Richford Planning Board

MINUTES – February 3, 2015

PRESENT – Charlie Davis, Bill Stell, Chuck Merrill, Victoria Nuzzo, Emilie Stuhlmiller

EXCUSED - John Schwartz, Doris Caskey

GUEST - Joe Kral

Meeting started at 7:04 pm.

Reviewed the January 7, 2014 minutes. Davis moved and Stell seconded to accept the January minutes. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion about the newsletter. Davis summarized the current mailing list and number printed: 95 PO boxes when Richford Post Office was open – now only 70 PO boxes.

Davis discussed the previous Comprehensive Plan meeting. Very poor attendance. He suggests reviewing the 2002 CP before the next meeting as many of the same concerns are in the 2002 CP and currently. Discussion that many of the current law, (Junk Law, Code Enforcement Law, etc) if enforced, will address the concerns raised by local citizens.

Discussion about house numbers available from the Fire Department.

Discussion about the newsletter; suggestion to use a buff-colored paper to make the newsletter stand out more. Also to use a 'snappier' address page; larger text, perhaps a graphic. Kral volunteered to prepare some options for a snappier appearance.

Stell discussed application of the Code Enforcement law, in particular about sheds: below a certain size they do not need permits, but they still need to be built to code. Certain 'sheds' are being treated as year-round homes without toilet facilities. Nuzzo suggested bringing the matter up to the Town Board and asking them to have the Code Enforcement officer enforce the local laws.

Discussion about new NYS regulation regarding disposal of electronic items, light bulbs, batteries, etc. Kral brought information about how to dispose of electronic waste. Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in trash, according to the NY DEC, but this is not necessarily the 'greenest' way to dispose of batteries. Discussion about how to encourage disposal of all batteries in a safe fashion. Davis will follow up on this, and find out how other communities handle the waste, the paperwork, storage, loading the waste into the pickup vehicle, etc. Davis mentioned that an Eagle Scout is considering building the electronic waste storage shed as a project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Davis stated that the files in the Town Clerk office are in great disarray and it is very difficult to locate the old laws, records, etc. Davis will work with Town Clerk Velvet Lyke to locate and organize all the Local laws; they are supposed to be in a book, but are placed in different file drawers. All the records should be stored electronically as a back up to the paper records.

Davis is working with Velvet Lyke to familiarize her with entering material onto the Town website. She will have the access information, and the intention is for her to enter Town Board minutes etc., and to be a back-up webmaster.

Discussion about slow EMS response time. Only some 60% of the Newark Valley EMS calls are responded to.

Stell moved and Merrill seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.