

# **Town of Groveland Planning Board**

**Meeting, June 28, 2010**

Planning Board members present: Chairman Randy Clymo, Jim DeCamp, Roger Haich, Daniel Rossborough and Roxanne Adamson, Alt.

Also present: CEO Ron Maxwell and Councilman Burt Lyon

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Review and approval of the 5/24/2010 Planning Board meeting minutes. Motion by Jim DeCamp to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Dan Rossborough. Motion carried.

Ron Maxwell, CEO gave the following building report: Two house constructions have been started; completed an inspection of the Burke house on WLR at drywall stage; the ARC permit has been issued; BOCES will be building a house on one of Harold Stewart's lots; and a CFO has been issued for the maintenance building at American Rock Salt. He has also been working on fire inspections in the Town.

Councilman Burt Lyon gave a presentation of the Farmland Protection Plan and the progress to date. He explained that a committee was appointed approximately a year ago to create a plan to preserve farm land and it is now in the final stages. He had a copy of a draft of the plan, dated 4/20/2010, that he passed around. The Plan was given to the County Planning Board for review and they are in agreement with most of the plan. It is now currently being reviewed by the State Ag & Markets Department.

He went on to say one of the biggest problems may be implementation due to the fact that 93% of the land in the Town is zoned agricultural and residential so the Town may need to look at changes in zoning to designate prime agricultural land and to limit subdivision of prime farm land by funneling future land development for housing and industry to areas of the Town where water and sewer are available. He also explained that the farmland would be broken down by soil type and value and provided a map of the Town showing land types. The next step would be to create a "Right to Farm" law to protect farming. He said that everything done to date is on the Town website. He will provide copies of the final plan to the Board Members after approval. He would like the Board to start work on the "Right to Farm" law at their next meeting. The right to farm law for the Town of York was handed out for review and comment at the next meeting.

Windtamer update: Ron Maxwell researched the site plan requirement in the Town of Livonia and reported that some areas don't need site plan, just a building permit while other areas of the Town require a conditional use permit.

Motion by Roger Haich to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM, seconded by Dan Rossborough. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Karol Thomas  
Recording Secretary