

TOWN OF ULYSSES  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

Present: Supervisor Doug Austic; Council David Kerness, Lucia Tyler, and Elizabeth Thomas; Patricia Halloran Deputy Town Clerk;

Others Present: Roxanne Marino, John Wertis, and Ken Zeserson

Mr. Austic called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and proof of publication was furnished.

The Board briefly talked about the budget and decided that they would table the discussion until later in the meeting.

**Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan**

Ms. Tyler requested that she would like to hear what the Planning Board has come up with.

Mr. Zeserson said that there was one area on page 37, under ***Purpose***, the third paragraph, first sentence "The Town supports and recognizes the value of existing commercial land uses especially Development Districts, located in areas where they might not be recommended or identified on the Future Land Use Map."

The Board discussed this and Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Kerness to accept the following changes:

The Town supports and recognizes the economic value of existing commercial land uses and existing Development Districts, located in areas where they might not be recommended or identified on the Future Land Use Map.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	absent
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted

Mr. Zeserson talked about page #99 the statement "There are no identified Critical Environmental Areas or National Natural Landmarks located within the Town of Ulysses.

Ms. Tyler moved, seconded by Mr. Kerness the following:

Add the following sentence: Consideration for specific environmentally sensitive sights for recommendations as Critical Environmental Areas will be reviewed by the Town Planning Board for consideration by the Town Board.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	absent
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted

Ms. Marino addressed Item 3 from her letter which is on page 56; table 2 identifies priority items for "short term implementation". The sentence just above the table specifies that short-term is within 3 years. Ms. Marino suggests that in order to be realistic and not set the Town up for failure early on by not being able to achieve the



extremely ambitious goal of accomplishing 18-21 action items in 3 years (6 or 7 per year), that the wording be changed to read "Table 2 identifies the highest priority action items for the Town to undertake towards successful implementation of this Plan".

The motion was approved to make the following changes to the wording above Table 2:

Table 2 identifies the highest priority action items for the Town to undertake towards successful implementation of this Plan.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	absent
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted

Mr. Austic referred to page 39, the Map that reflects the "office and technology mixed use". The Board discussed this and the area was enlarged. Mr. Kerness moved, seconded by Mr. Austic the following:

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses update the Future Land Use Map (page 39) to reflect the change as depicted on the attached map to the "Office and Technology Mixed Use" category to a larger area.

Further Resolved that a copy of this map will be faxed to Ms. Baptiste at Bergmann Associates.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	absent
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted

Mr. Kerness moved, seconded by Ms. Tyler the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses adopt the Comprehensive Plan of July 2009 as amended at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Austic	nay
Mr. Ferrentino	absent
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted

Mr. Kerness asked Mr. Austic why his nay vote.

Mr. Austic said without updating the Future Land Use map to include all of the current commercial and development districts and a couple of other changes where he voiced his opinions it could be too restrictive to the Town and not good for the future of the Town.

All of the changes will be forwarded to Ms. Baptiste to make the changes and issue copies of the "Final Copy".

Mr. Wertis requested that the Town Board approve up to \$500 to the Planning Board so that they can ask some legal opinions from an environmental oriented attorney to come to



a couple of meetings of the Planning Board when working on the CEA's to define what CEA's are and how they are used in SEQR and how they might affect the Town in the future.

The Board discussed a couple of people that they may ask.

Ms. Tyler moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approve that the Planning Board be authorized to spend up to \$500 on environmental legal advice to get their questions answered on CEA's.

Mr. Austic	aye
Mr. Ferrentino	absent
Mr. Kerness	aye
Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye

Adopted.

Mr. Austic asked that the Planning Board advise Mr. Austic who they hire for this.

The Village Board is having a meeting to discuss the Fire and EMS budget (the date has been changed from October 1<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Austic will advise the Board of the new date).

There also is a meeting scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> and the Village will present the budget to the Town's.

Mr. Kerness is not happy about the language of the Village's email announcing the meeting and has responded to Chris Thomas and Marty Petrovic with some questions. Mr. Kerness feels that the Town should be able to be more involved in this process because of the amount that the Village charges them for the Fire contract.

### **2010 Town Budget**

The Board discussed different line items to be kept in the budget such as:

- Deputy Supervisor position
- Allocation for audit of \$4000 per year to have audit done in 3 years
- Leave money in the Code Enforcement's budget for additional help
- Make sure there is a healthy budget in the contingency fund
- Should be wireless in the whole building or update our system – put in \$1000 for this

Ms. Thomas wants to put \$5000 in for stream maintenance and keep it at the amount that was put in for 2009.

Mr. Austic repeated what he previously declared about additional monies in the budget.

The Board felt they could put additional monies in because they are not putting in items like last year of the \$80,000 for the building.

The Board discussed the salaries of the Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Bookkeeper, Planning Manager and Town Board Assistant.

It was suggested to leave the salaries at the 2009 amount but put in some money for a consultant for the Supervisor and Bookkeeper if the need arises.

The end results are: Supervisor \$15,000, Bookkeeper \$18,000, Deputy Supervisor \$15,000 (\$5,000 out for Town Board support), and \$15,000 under Planning. Mr. Austic suggested putting around \$10,000 in Building Fund Reserve for the future.



The Board discussed setting aside money for future buildings.

Ms. Thomas suggested putting aside \$15,000 for building reserve.

Ms. Thomas said that at the TCOG meetings they have been discussing emergency preparedness training and under what conditions would the Town need this.

Mr. Austic said that the Fire Department is handling this and the Supervisor is responsible for emergency services. There are plans set up for this.

Ms Thomas said to keep the Dog Control at \$16000 and put an additional \$2000 away for dog enumeration.

Mr. Austic asked her why she thought there was \$16000 in last year's budget for Dog Control.

Mr. Austic can not understand why they are not happy with the current Dog Control Officer.

Mr. Kerness said that he is pleased with the service.

The Board talked about possibly hiring Mr. Rachun to help with the zoning changes.

Ms. Thomas said that there should be a 3% pay increase because she feels that we are not really paying people here a lot of money.

Mr. Kerness asked if Mr. Austic was holding the 2009 revenues.

Mr. Austic said that he had talked with Mr. Squires at TC Finance and was told that mortgage tax may be down. The sales tax will be about what we budgeted for 2009 but Mr. Squires said that the Town may want to bring that down some.

Mr. Austic said that health insurance may go up and the retirement may go up. The overall insurance may be going up some.

Mr. Austic said he will put the fire amount in as to what the Village said it would be.

Ms. Tyler asked to go into executive session.

Mr. Kerness moved to adjourn to executive session on a personal matter, seconded by Mr. Austic. Adjourned at 9:25 to executive session.

Meeting resumed and Mr. Kerness moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Austic. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha L. Georgia  
Ulysses Town Clerk

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