

Town of Sherburne, NY Planning Board Minutes October 9, 2018

Attendance: Kris Kovack, Holly Crouch, Mike Janitz, Nancy Simerl, Jim Gager, Jim Osborne, Brian Guldy

Absent: none

Guests: Charlie Mastro, Rowena Krum, John Phillips

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jim Gager.

Minutes from September 11 reviewed

Motion to accept September minutes by Brian Guldy; second by Mike Janitz; carried with no changes.

Old Business:

>>Continued discussion and brainstorming for Sherburne Town Comprehensive Plan. Sherburne's challenge is to sustain current and attract new tax-paying businesses and residents. An adequate tax-base allows maintenance and improvement to essential services for all Sherburne's citizens while conserving our historic rural character and rich natural resources. We acknowledged critical need to support local livestock farmers. Noted trend to combining farming with tourism - Agritainment - could be promoted for seasonal specialty crops including maple products and "you-pick" fruit and vegetable production. Need local support for agricultural sales ranging from direct to consumer farmer's markets to encouraging development of a distribution-hub bulk refrigeration facility.

Discussion broadened to need for improvements to access to Chenango County and Sherburne. Train tracks need improvement to attain 40 mph capability for commercial traffic. Similarly, state route 12 corridor could be improved. Already need a quality commercial motel in Chenango county; improved access would increase this need.

Currently, Sherburne has excess capacity for public power, water and sewage processing. We also have young people seeking work. It will benefit community to attract and retain businesses that value our resources and employ our youth.

Updated Comprehensive plan should emphasize attracting new businesses and improving infrastructure so that Sherburne is ready to welcome and work with them.

New Business:

>> Planning Board will host a public meeting for discussion of changes to to current Sherburne sanitation laws, probably at December meeting. Further discussion of proposed changes and formal scheduling of public meeting at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Motion by Brian Guldy; second by Nancy Simerl; carried.

Submitted by Nancy Simerl, November 13, 2018