

TOWN OF OTEGO
AUGUST 24, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a special board meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Route 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was a public hearing to hear those for and against the proposed comprehensive plan.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Supervisor
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
George Dolezel	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk

The town clerk read the legal notice that appeared in the Daily Star on August 9, 10, 11.

Bruno Bruni, Code Officer, gave a short synopsis of the comprehensive plan.

The plan has been reviewed by the Otsego County Planning Board and returned with some suggestions. These were received by the board within the last two days so have not been reviewed by the planning board yet.

Buzz Hesse deferred his comments. He feels that the zoning and the comprehensive plan is intertwined.

Dick Downey, Unatego Area Landowners Assoc. (UALA) urges the board to accept the plan, although it doesn't speak about gas development. The UALA would like the planning board to continue looking at gas development.

The town is considering a townwide survey to poll residents about heavy industry in the town. The UALA feels that a survey concerning heavy industry will come out against heavy industry and that might not be in the best interest of the town.

Anna Hein supports the comprehensive plan.

Kimberly More wants to see some regulation for keeping our viewscapes. She also feels that we must be open to alternative energy, such as wind towers.

George Bentik has no major objections to the plan.

Steve Sinniger addressed goal #5 concerning agriculture. He feels that the agriculture advisory committee that is suggested is not necessary since there is a Farm Bureau already.

Carolee Byrnes supports the plan. She would like the town to do the survey.

Megan Byrnes supports the plan.

Ruby Mitchell supports the plan.

Brian Foley would like to see the survey go to all voters.

There was some further discussion about the survey and who should be polled.

Mark Dye said that the plan is a start, but population is decreasing and aging, and we need industry and broadband.

Bob Burch said that we need to honor our rural history but need to promote business.

In closing, the planning board will review the comments from the county planning board, and the town board will do SEQR.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM