

# Town of Tyre

## Planning Board

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**Minutes Of The Meeting Held:**

**April 26, 2012**

**Tyre Town Highway Building**

(rescheduled from the regular meeting date of 4/24/12)

**Members In Attendance:** Robert Seem, Alan Smith, Ronald McGreevy, David Kain, Larry Kesel, Neil Worden

**Members Absent With Notice:** Deborah Geary \*(regular April meeting date was changed prior to her appointment)

**Guests:** Comprehensive Plan Committee Member Marjorie Fahrenholz  
Seneca County Tax Map Technician Mike Karlsen

### **Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting:**

Town of Tyre Planning Board Chairman Robert Seem called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Seneca County Tax Map Technician Mike Karlsen gave a detailed presentation and provided samples of the numerous map types he is able to generate. These maps include aerial photography, property (agricultural and residential), zoning, school districts, soil types, watersheds, rivers and streams, federal and state wetlands, the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge area and various other land uses, etc.. Mr. Karlsen stated that with sufficient background information almost any type of map can be created. Locations of cemeteries past and present, schoolhouses and other items of historical interest if properly identified, could also be mapped. Various ways to present and insert these and other maps into the Comprehensive Plan document were also discussed.

Members thanked Mr. Karlsen for attending and welcomed his assistance in the process of preparing our Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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The regular monthly Town of Tyre Planning Board meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM by Chairman Robert Seem.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved as written on a motion of Larry Kesel seconded by Alan Smith.

### **New Business:**

Board members briefly reviewed the March/April *Talk of the Towns & Topics* magazine as well as the Winter 2012 issue of *Rural Futures* magazine. Also reviewed was the document *Municipal Tools for Addressing Potential Gas Drilling Impacts* compiled by the Tompkins County Planning Department. The section regarding extractive mining regulations was especially noted.

Board member Larry Kesel provided his monthly report on the status of the Tyre website. A training update for the year 2012 was also provided.

Members extensively discussed the Tyre Town Board meeting of 4/19/12 in which a presentation was made by representatives from the Beverly Animal Shelter regarding Commercial Kennels/Pet Breeders and the potential for an increase of animals to be brought to Seneca County. There is particular concern as the Beverly Animal Shelter is almost always operating at full capacity. Updating of our local Kennel/Pet Breeder law was strongly suggested. A moratorium on the establishment of new Commercial Kennels/Pet Breeding facilities or the expansion of existing facilities in the town was also suggested. Issues such as a potential limit on the number of animals allowed, minimum lot size requirements, sanitary body disposal and regulations regarding existing NYS approved facilities for "rescue animals" were discussed as well.

Planning Board members subsequently reviewed the *Commercial Kennels and Pet Breeders* laws of the Village of Interlaken as well the Town of Geneva. Also reviewed was the recently enacted Town of Gorham moratorium on kennels. After thorough review and discussion, language for a similar Town of Tyre moratorium was unanimously agreed upon. Chairman Seem stated that he will prepare a draft document which will be forwarded to the Tyre Town Board for consideration at their May meeting.

**Old Business: None**

**Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Report:**

Code Enforcement Officer McGreevy reported on a “roundtable” discussion with local code enforcement officials held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was again sponsored by the Seneca County Dept. of Building & Fire Code Enforcement. A number of local issues were discussed including compliance with county codes at Cayuga Indian Nation owned property in Seneca Falls. Also, at CEO McGreevy’s request, County Code Enforcement has also agreed to examine the fence that is in major disrepair at the Simone property along NYS Routes 5&20.

CEO McGreevy also reported that since the Planning Board meeting of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 no new Town of Tyre Zoning Permits have been issued.

**On a motion of Neil Worden seconded by David Kain, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.**

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**Next Meeting Scheduled For May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012  
@ Tyre Town Highway Building 7:00 PM  
-Please Contact The Secretary If You Are Unable To Attend-**

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronald F. McGreevy*

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