

**EDMESTON PLANNING BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 16, 2003**

The Edmeston Planning Board held its regular meeting on June 28, 2003 at 7:15 PM in the Edmeston Municipal Building.

**Members Present:** Planning Board Chairman: Jack Emmett  
Planning Board Member: Jon LeChevet  
Planning Board Member: John Parker

**Members Absent:** Planning Board Member: Frank Davis  
Planning Board Member: William Rogers

**Others Present:** Barbara Bateman (Town Justice)  
Rick Bateman  
Steve Chase  
Brian Long  
Dale Lund (Superintendent of Roads)  
Paul Pritchard  
Neil Smith

The public participants were very interested in the draft Edmeston Junk Yard Law and voiced concerns that the draft law was too restrictive and would require town inhabitants to remove all non-functioning automobiles from their property. Board members outlined the major points of the draft law that addressed the public concerns:

- Primarily intended to regulate commercial junkyards to protect the welfare of town inhabitants and ensure that the town generated sufficient revenue to administer and enforce the law.
- A reasonable number of non-functional automobiles could be kept for personal use if they were either under cover or out of sight.
- Enforcement as a practical matter would be complaint driven as the Town did not have the financial resources to actively and strictly enforce the law on a full time basis.
- Provisions of the law could be waived by the Town Board on a case by case basis if they imposed an undue hardship or economic burden.
- Modeled on the existing General Municipal Law of the State of New York, but modified to serve the interests of the Town and inhabitants of Edmeston.

The Planning Board will bring sufficient copies of the General Municipal Law regulating junkyards and the Draft Edmeston Junkyard Law to the next Planning Board meeting to pass out to public participants so they may familiarize themselves with the existing and proposed law.

General discussion of the following topics was conducted:

- Disposal of junk vehicles and the cost of disposal.
- Disposal of old tires and the cost of disposal - breeding ground for West Nile virus carrying insects.
- Disposal of old mobile homes and the cost of disposal. The county considers a mobile home that is not occupied or fit for occupancy to be a “storage unit”.

Chairman Emmett advised the public participants that there was an opening on the Town Planning Board and asked them if they would be willing to serve or if they knew of someone who would like to serve. He also thanked them for their interest and participation and asked that they attend the next meeting with any further concerns, as this was an excellent way of ensuring that the concerns of all inhabitants of the Town of Edmeston were incorporated in any proposed laws. The public participants left after the discussion of the Draft Junkyard law and the above topics.

Chairman Emmett reported that the best way to handle the accumulation of junk, trash, and garbage that was a public eyesore was with a separate law regulating the same.

The minutes of the meeting held on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2003 were read and unanimously approved without modification.

It was agreed that the Planning Board should open meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The time and place for the next meeting was set for 7:00 PM on August 20th at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 09:05 PM.