

EDMESTON PLANNING BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2003

The Edmeston Planning Board held its regular meeting on June 18, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Edmeston Municipal Building.

Members Present: Planning Board Chairman: Jack Emmett
Planning Board Member: Jon LeChevet
Planning Board Member: William Rogers

Members Absent: Planning Board Member: John Parker
Planning Board Member: Frank Davis

Others Present: Tina Colegrove, Town Clerk (left early)
Clarence Davis (Zoning Enforcement Officer)

The minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 2003 were read and unanimously approved without modification..

Chairman Jack Emmett presented the status of the Cell Tower Law and reported that the Town Attorney and the Town Board have both approved the Law. The public hearing was held on May 13, 2003. The Town Attorney will file the Law with the State and upon filing it will become Town Law number 1-2003.

There was a general discussion of the RV and Travel Trailer portion of the Zoning Ordinance. Some concern was raised that one or more travel trailers in the Town may have been converted to full time residential use.

The major portion of the meeting involved discussion of the third draft of the Junkyard Law. The draft was reviewed in detail and the following questions were raised:

- Section 210 Definitions – Chairman Emmett voiced concern that the 90 days allowed for two inoperable vehicles before they were determined to be junk was too long a period. After a lengthy discussion, there was no clear consensus for change and the time period was left at 90 days to allow for adverse weather situations and other unforeseen delays in removal.
A discussion ensued on the possibility that if the vehicles were not the same during the ninety day period that they would not be considered junk if a vehicle

was moved that the 90 day clock would start again. After reading the definition it was unanimously agreed that the intent of the board is interpret the definition literally and not distinguish between vehicles or to require the ninety days to be consecutive.

- Section 430 Acceptance of Site Plan Application – There was concern that the 30 day time period was too short and that there need not be mutual consent for an extension of time. There was consensus that 30 days was sufficient time to at least begin the review process and that mutual consent was needed to forestall unnecessary delays.
- Section 455 Planning Board Action on Site Plan – There was concern that the 62 days was insufficient to allow for a proper review process. It was pointed out that the 62 day clock started only after the SEQR process was complete and the public hearing had been held and that nearly all the review process would take place before the public hearing. The 62 days would allow for two regular meetings to discuss an application after the facts had been determined and the public comment was received.
- Section 620 Penalties – Chairman Emmett noted that the present wording of 620A may require frequent modification if Section 268 of the General Town Law is changed. It was unanimously agreed to incorporate wording similar to section 7.4a of the Zoning Ordinance instead of the present wording.

Chairman Emmett will bring the draft to Cooperstown for County review after the change noted above is incorporated.

Clarence Davis (Zoning Enforcement Officer) arrived and was asked about the status of applications for permits in the town. He replied that the Town Clerk would be the best source for this information as nearly all permit applications and responses are handled by the Town Clerk.

An agenda item for the next meeting will be how the Town should handle the accumulation of unwarranted trash, garbage, junk, etc. on lots that become an eyesore and affect general property values. Chairman Emmett will research this and report at the next meeting on the options for handling this problem.

The time and place for the next meeting was set for 7:00 PM on July 16th at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 09:20 PM.