

**EDMESTON PLANNING BOARD**  
**EDMESTON, NY 13335**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 20, 2003**

The Edmeston Planning Board held its regular meeting on August 20, 2003 at 7:13 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:** Paul Pritchard

Chairman Emmett reported that William Rogers will probably be absent for several more meetings due to medical problems subsequent to his fall from a roof and broken ankle.

Paul Pritchard introduced himself and said he was at the meeting as a follow up to the last meeting and would let most of the other people who were present at last month's meeting know the results of his questions at this meeting. The questions were similar to those of last month's meeting and the answers were similar. The thrust of Mr. Pritchard's questions was "why mess around with the law if there is no problem?" The Board's position was stated to Mr. Pritchard – to avoid unnecessary financial exposure for the town, to modify the law to meet the rural nature of Edmeston, and to include other type of junk besides abandoned vehicles. Mr. Pritchard seemed satisfied with the answers and stated that he understood the Planning Board's actions better after this meeting.

Chairman Emmett passed around a letter from Senator Seward regarding his inquiry concerning disposal of junked mobile homes. Senator Seward gave several helpful suggestions and contacts to arrange for the disposal of junked mobile homes. Chairman Emmett advised the Board that Laurens might have a local law or ordinance regarding junked mobile homes.

There was a discussion on the information available on the NYS local government website and Jon LeChevet was asked to look into this.

Chairman Emmett volunteered to contact a number of local Town Clerks regarding junk laws and ordinances in their towns.

The Board discussed how to keep a better hand on the direction Town growth was taking and decided that information regarding the action of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Land Use Permits issued by the town was a vital ingredient. Jon LeChevet was asked to draft a letter from the Board to the Chairman of the Town Board requesting this information.

Mr. Parker brought up the topic of old tires and noted that the use of old tires by farmers to keep down the cover on bunkerage was decreasing due to newer methods, but still prevalent in the area. Chairman Emmett volunteered to find out who would “core” tires to keep water out of the casings and prevent the breeding of mosquitoes that may carry the West Nile virus and the cost of such coring.

The minutes of the meeting of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were read and approved with no changes.

The time and place for the next meeting was set for 7:00 PM on September 17th at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.