

EDMESTON PLANNING BOARD
EDMESTON, NY 13335
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2004

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

Members Absent: Planning Board Member: William Rogers

Others Present: Hank Schecher (New York Land & Lakes), Robert Schworm, Norman Schworm, Mark Grocott, Patrick Hill, Avis Waite, Kelley Bruni, Edward Utter, Joseph Chesebro, Clarence Davis (Zoning Enforcement Officer), Dennis Rifanburg, Anne Wheeler, Bob Wheeler, Dick Sears, Dorothy Whiteman.

Chairman Emmett called the meeting to order at 19:05 with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the meeting of 19 November, 2003 were read and approved with the following correction: Others present should have *Patrick Hill* vice *Patrick Hall*.

The first order of business was a presentation by Hank Schecker of a plan to subdivide approximately 520 acres in the towns of Edmeston and Burlington near the intersection of Parker and Monson roads. All lots would be in the 5 to 20 acre range. Board member John Parker voiced some concern that several of the lots would be inaccessible because of the springs and swamps on the land. Hank Schecher took this under advisement and said he would accept Mr. Parker's offer to show him the potential water problems in person. Chairman Emmett thanked Mr. Schecker for his presentation and informed him that the county should be his principal contact for approval of the subdivision as Edmeston had no subdivision laws or ordinances.

The remainder of the meeting was a lively discussion of the proposed Edmeston Junkyard Laws. All members of the public who participated in the discussion strongly opposed the proposed law based on the concern that abandoned and non-operative vehicles presently stored in the Town of Edmeston would not be allowed if the law was passed. Two board members (John Parker and Paul Pritchard) also opined that the proposed law was not needed at the present time. Although it was explained at the meeting that the existing state law is more stringent in regards to abandoned and non-operative vehicles and that

the proposed Town Law would supercede the existing State Law, the public participants remained unconvinced. Their consensus of the public participants was for the Town of Edmeston not to consider passing any laws regulating junk vehicles for the following reasons:

- The State presently does not enforce the existing Automobile Junkyard Law which is just fine.
- A Town Law would lead to uneven, personality driven enforcement action.
- The Town would be open to civil suites if the proposed law was passed.
- The Town Law would be unenforceable even if passed.
- It would open the door to neighbor bothering neighbor in local courts.

The next meeting was set for the 18th of February 2004 at 19:00 at the Municipal Building. There being no further business to discuss and all public participants and board members being heard, the meeting was adjourned at 21:13.