

**Village of Brewster
Planning Board**

June 28, 2011

Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

David Kulo, Chairman
Rick Stockburger, Assistant Chairman
Mark Anderson
Renee Diaz
Tyler Murello

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Call to Order

Chairman Kulo indicated that this was the regular Meeting of the Village of Brewster Planning Board. Mr. Anderson made a motion to open the Meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Stockburger. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

[Whereupon the Meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m.]

New Business

Chairman Kulo stated that there were no new projects to be discussed, nor was there any other new business requiring the attention of the Planning Board.

Accept Outstanding Draft Minutes of March 1, 2011 & June 7, 2011

Chairman Kulo inquired as to whether the Members had had the opportunity to review the Draft Minutes of March 1, 2011 and June 7, 2011, to which the Members responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Stockburger made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 1, 2011. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, which was passed by a vote of 4-0, Mr. Murello abstaining.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 7, 2011. Mr. Murello seconded the motion, which was passed by a vote of 5-0.

Member Training 2011

It was pointed out that the Members of the Planning Board are required to receive training of four credits per year in order to maintain their positions with the Planning Board. Training is available online and in person. The Planning Federation of the State of New York will be conducting training this year in Albany from October 9-11, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1 Columbia Place. The fee for this training is 135.00 per person so long as early registration (before September 30, 2011) is utilized. There is \$1,000.00 in the Village budget to defray the expense of this-the Village will cover the costs of the classes but all ancillary expenses, such as transportation, lodging and meals must be borne by the Members themselves. Mr. Anderson indicated that he has access to a house that is an hour closer to Albany and that he would be more than pleased to have the Members of the Board stay there during the training.

Mr. Stockburger noted that if the Village of Brewster Planning Board were to be registered with the Planning Federation that additional savings on the cost of the classes could be realized. Chairman Kulo indicated that he would speak to Peter Hansen, Treasurer/Clerk of the Village of Brewster, about the viability of so registering. Chairman Kulo and Messrs. Stockburger and Anderson noted that they had gone to the training held in Saratoga, New York several years ago and felt it was very worthwhile; each person went to different classes during that training so as to broaden the depth of wisdom and experience that Board Members would be exposed to. There was general agreement among the Members of the Planning Board that going to the Albany training this year would likewise be beneficial; if any Member was precluded from attending this training due to scheduling

requirements or other reasons such Member(s) could, in lieu thereof, opt for online training, which is also available through the Planning Federation as long as the Village of Brewster Planning Board is registered therewith. There was a consensus among the Members of the Planning Board that while there was the aforesaid need for credits to continue serving on the Board that the singular most important purpose of any training was to garner knowledge so as to best enable the Members to discharge their duties and responsibilities.

Close Meeting

Mr. Anderson made a motion to close the Meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Murello. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

[Whereupon the Meeting was closed at 8:28 p.m.]

