

ALLEGANY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2014

The Allegany County Planning Board continued its role with various municipalities by aiding and reviewing several matters relative to planning and land use.

Membership for 2014 included: Robert Ellis, William Emrick, Bryan Fanton, Dale Foster, Lee Gridley, Larry Kaminski, Benjamin Lipscomb, James Ninos, and Valerie Perkins.

Officers for 2014 were: Chairman - Lee Gridley, Vice-Chairman – Dale Foster, Secretary – Larry Kaminski, Assistant Secretary – Valerie Perkins.

Planning & Technical Assistance: Kier Dirlam – County Planner

Activities conducted throughout the year include:

- Lee Gridley was appointed as the Chair of the Planning Board.
- Held Annual Meeting and Dinner on January 15, 2014 and elected officers for 2014.
- Met February, March, April, June, August, September, October, November and December for regular meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Crossroads Center in Belmont.
- Training on SEQR Law changes provided by Chuck Malcomb from Hodgson Russ Attorneys in December.
- Reviewed NYSDEC actions throughout the year.
- Reviewed Community Planning efforts by Towns and Villages throughout the year.
- Reviewed Intergovernmental Review projects throughout the year.
- Reviewed the Village of Alfred Moratorium extension, entitled “Moratorium on and Prohibition of Natural Gas and Petroleum Exploration Activities, Underground Storage of Natural Gas, And Disposal of Natural Gas or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration, and Production Wastes”; Reviewed the Village of Alfred housing law draft; Reviewed the Village of Alfred Zoning Law amendments pertaining to overlay zones, hydraulic fracturing and general updates; Reviewed a referral from the Village of Alfred regarding a new Ceramic Museum being built at the site of the old Davis Gym; Reviewed other minor referrals from the Village of Alfred throughout the year.
- Reviewed the Town of Wellsville Wal-Mart proposal. This did not require approval by the County Planning Board.
- Reviewed the SPCA serving Allegany County request for the board to be the lead agency for SEQR, this was denied as the action does not require SEQR.
- Reviewed the Town of Caneadea – Tower ZBA referral for a new communication Tower.
- Reviewed the Town of Burns local law referral regarding Natural Gas and Petroleum ban; reviewed the Town of Burns and Village of Canaseraga’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Reviewed the Town of Alfred Zoning Law amendments.
- Reviewed the Allegany County Board By-Laws for updates; discussed streamlining methods of referral reviews for the Planning Board.

Lee Gridley
Chairman - Allegany County Planning Board