**TOWN OF AMITY PLANNING BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 12, 2021**

**APPROVED**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Those present were: W. Skinner, G. Hanchett, J. Maynard, D. Serra and B. Zlomek; absent were P. VanDyke and J. Clouse; guest: Lisa Schmitt

***Pledge of Allegiance*** was led by W. Skinner.

***Approval of Minutes*** Motion to approve minutes of the 7-15-2021 meeting was tabled.

***Town Board Report***  was presented by W. Skinner.

The councilmen discussed “Opt Out” options to the public sales and use of marijuana, based on the Clean Air Act. This would require the creation of or amendment to a local law, with required public hearing. The materials presented by C. Jones will be submitted to the town for attorney for review and advice.

A review of the town office computers, software, and internet access systems was conducted, and recommendations were made to upgrade all, and possibly add a server for the town and/or village use in the building.

The assessor has completed his re-evaluation of property parcels in the town, and expects to finish up with the re-evaluation of the village by the end of the month. A letter will then be submitted to the municipalities for review.

Requested use of WilMac Park by citizens prompted the review of park rules and regulations for event use. It was suggested that the former WilMac Park Committee be reconvened to handle this task.

Department budget requests will be discussed starting in September 2021.

***New Business***

***Joint Comprehensive Plan for Village and Town Strategies***

*Meeting Scheduled --* The Joint Committee will meet with Professor William Dean (ASC) on September 3, at 1PM. This will initiate the beginning of discussions and design concepts for projects throughout the village of Belmont, and the town of Amity.

*Concepts --* Ideas for consideration to present to the ASC students included: housing development, former railroad bed trails, sites for RV dumping, develop the Conservation Club / Genesee River Access Site, consider location and creation of a Dog Park (SPCA, fields behind the old school), develop the Belvidere Episcopal Church historic properties for event use, create a folklore museum to preserve the work of renowned local artists and artisans.

***Training Opportunities*** provided by STW will be offered in the fall in an -on-line format. W. Skinner presented the schedule of topics, and will send the link to members of the board.

***Old Business***

***Updates to Business Directory*** W. Skinner presented format options for a business directory that could be updated and reprinted annually, and placed strategically throughout the municipality. The board discussed paying for this project if next year’s budget allows.

***Other ??***

***Budget*** requests (2022) will be considered beginning in September 2021.

***Prospective Board Members***  Terms of board members were discussed and names were floated for future appointments to the planning board: G. Marsh, S. Biancuzzo, A. Cline, mason on Cemetery Hill rd.

***Next Meeting -- September 16, 2021 @ 7PM***

***Adjournment*** Motion to adjourn by D. Serra, seconded by B. Zlomek; Vote: Aye – 5; No – 0; meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.