

## **TOWN OF HOWARD PLANNING BOARD**

**October 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm**

Planning Board members present: Chairman Gary Rice, Jason Holevinski, James Fodge, Paul Harrington, Wesley Coots, Andrea Barry and Jack Bossard.

Guest attending: Richard Stewart

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary rice at 7:08 pm.

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Wesley Coots and seconded by Paul Harrington to approve the minutes. Carried: Harrington, Aye; Fodge, aye; Rice, aye; Holevinski, aye; Bossard, aye; Coots, aye; and Barry, aye.

Gary gave his report from last week's Town Board meeting. Board members, Richard Stewart and Lowell Smith, felt that our proposed changes to the Land Use Law were not needed. There was not much discussion or reasons why they felt that way and no motion or vote were taken.

The planning board members are disappointed and are looking for an explanation for turning it down. Jim ask Richard if there was anything that could be changed to make it acceptable. After a lengthy discussion between Richard and the committee it was agreed that if the Town Board heard from some residents that setbacks are needed or not, they would consider looking at them.

The planning board members encourage any residents that already have said they have concerns about gravel mines, to attend next month's town board meeting or send a written statement with their opinions.

We are waiting for responses from our local state politicians to see why the Town is not getting High speed broadband available to more locations in the town. There have been calls and Emails to NYS Senator Tom O'Mara, NYS Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, and State Congressman Tom Reed.

Jim has noticed that there are several cottages on Smith pond getting new septic systems. He heard there may be a grant program. Gary will ask Bob Riekofski if there is a grant.

A motion was made by Jack Bossard and seconded by Wesly Coots to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Fodge, aye; Harrinton, aye; Rice, aye; Holevinski, aye; Barry, aye; Bossard, aye; and Coots, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 7:00pm.