

Town of Inlet  
Planning Board  
May 28, 2014

**Members Present:**

Garret Hoffman, Chair  
David Scranton, Regular Member  
Bruce O'Hara, Regular Member  
JoAnn Meneilly, Alternate Member  
Amanda Miller, Alternate Member

**Also Present:**

Aimee VanWie, Codes & Zoning  
Adele Burnett, Recording Secretary

**Absent Member:**

Virginia Germer, Vice Chair  
Maureen Schanz, Regular Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

**Minutes**

On a motion offered by Amanda Miller, seconded by JoAnn Meneilly, the March 25, 2014 minutes were approved.

**Correspondence**

Garret Hoffman handed out copies of Towns & Topics and stated that there was no other correspondence to share.

**Codes & Zoning**

Garret read through the March & April reports from the Codes Department. This report is available online for anyone to look at.

**LWRP**

Bruce O'Hara stated that there had been no recent meeting to discuss anything concerning LWRP, and that they are waiting to schedule the next meeting.

**APA Approved Land Use Plan**

On April 30, Brian Grisi and Robyn Burgess of the Adirondack Park Agency met informally with Garret Hoffman, Bruce O'Hara, John Frey, Herb Schmid, Tim Brownsell, Aimee VanWie & Adele Burnett at the Inlet Town Hall. This group discussed and shared ideas about what an APA Approved Land Use Plan is and how it may or may not benefit the Town of Inlet. A letter will be written to the APA by Supervisor Frey requesting the APA review Inlet's current zoning ordinance for inconsistencies. Brian & Robyn suggested that this may take a couple months and will be happy to meet with

this group again after the review.

### **Local Government Day**

Those who attended the APA's Local Government Day on April 9, 2014 in Lake Placid stated they were glad they attended even though there was some repetition in many of the sessions. It was noted that the Town of Inlet was recognized often in the award presentation for Best Community Event Contest. Inlet received first place in Best in Winter for Frozen Fire & Lights, first place in Best on Water for One Square Mile of Hope, first place (along with Long Lake, Indian Lake, Old Forge & Speculator) in Most Adirondack Quirky for Adirondack Cardboard Sled Racing Circuit, first runner-up in Best in Spring/Fall for Black Fly Challenge, honorable mention in Best in Summer for Ping Pong Ball Drop, honorable mention in Best in Winter for Adirondack Ice Bowl and honorable mention in Most Authentic Adirondack for Adirondack Kids Day.

### **Attendance**

Garret noted that over the past year and a half there have been several meetings where attendance was low and a couple meetings had to be canceled due to lack of a quorum. The board discussed the importance in attendance during regular meetings and was reminded that the current Duties and Responsibilities of Planning Board Members states that "Planning Board members are expected to attend and participate in all meetings. Board members are allowed four excused absences per calendar year. Five or more absences in one calendar year may be cause for dismissal by the Town Board."

There was further discussion on how understandable it is for people's situations to change and make it hard to attend the required number of meetings. It was agreed that this board should keep a running list of residents who might be interested in sitting on the board in the future.

### **Public Comment**

Aimee VanWie asked about geothermal drilling. A brief discussion followed and it was noted that there is nothing in the current ordinance that addresses geothermal drilling.

All business having come before this board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with a motion offered by Amanda Miller, seconded by David Scranton.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele M. Burnett