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**Planning/Zoning/Comprehensive Plan update
Code Task Force
May 22, 2006
Meeting Notes**

Attending: Tom Shepstone, Mike Baden, Bill DeGraw, Steve Fornal, Walter Levy, Brenda Striano

Meeting was called to order by Mike Baden

Working with Tom Shepstone the Task Force began drafting High Priority issues for discussion and update:

Pam Duke provided us with maps courtesy of the Accord Fire District of road locations and names. Unfortunately these do not seem to include the private roadways in TOR. They will be reviewed as to how much aid they can give us in the mapping process.

A handout of a document from NYS entitled "Questions for the Analysis and Evaluation of Existing Zoning Regulations" was provided by Mike Baden. This document should be helpful in the review of existing regulations...especially when we get to review of Zoning

Tom Shepstone provided a draft version of Subdivision Code and the Task Force began review and made changes. It was discussed that because the existing version dates back to 1962 it will be more advantageous to write a new Subdivision Code as opposed to rewriting a very outdated one. New NYS and DEC mandates as well as Ulster County mandates will be incorporated into the new Code as well as other common practices in the application process. It is expected the new Code will more clearly define the steps and requirements of a completed application so as to speed up the application process and also to specifically state what is required of an applicant.

Public comments were made as to when and how this will be presented to the public. It was explained that the Code process is very preliminary at this time and cannot be finalized until after the Update of the Comprehensive Plan is complete and acted on by the Town Board. The Task Force is beginning review of the Code and will make final recommendations at that time. It was stressed that public outreach meetings similar to the Comprehensive Plan meetings will be held to get input on the Code revisions. The suggestion was taken and promised to create an outline or report highlighting the specific changes to the Code so the residents can be more informed as to the changes at that time.

Next meeting is 12 June 2006 at Town Hall, 7:00 – 8:30 PM