

Minutes for the Zoning Commission Presentation & Public Hearing 3/12  
Present: Brad Smith, Dan Sullivan, & Carol Frigault

Dan Sullivan welcomed everyone and introduced Karen Sullivan the Director of Otsego County Planning Department. Karen gave a presentation on the need for Towns to plan and have zoning laws that implement the vision of the community.

Dan announced that the Joint Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Richfield and Village of Richfield Springs had been given an award by the NY Planning Federation.

Dan explained the history of the creation of the zoning update. He explained that the zoning law must match our Comprehensive Plan and that many changes that have gone into the Zoning law from the input of the boards and community.

Brad reviewed and explained the 5 zoning districts, the addition of the U.S. Route 20 Business Overlay District, explained the use table, zoning map, & dimensional table.

Carol addressed some published misconceptions about the update regarding a non-conforming use; the 73 allowed business use throughout our Town, and section 250-29 regarding lighting.

Brad reviewed the process and rules for the public hearing, introduced the Commission members, and told people that after the oral portion of the public hearing closed we would hold the record open to receive written statements by the close of business at 6:00 pm on 3/14.

The public hearing began at 7:45pm. Each speaker was allowed 3 minutes, 22 people spoke, and everyone present who wished to speak was given the opportunity; the oral portion closed at 8:52 pm and meeting adjourned.

The Town Clerk received a total of 7 written comments by the close of business on 3/14<sup>th</sup> and they were entered into the record.