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**PINE PLAINS PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
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PRESENT: Don Bartles, Jr.
Sarah Jones
Vikki Soracco
Kate Osofsky

ABSENT: Brian Coons
Ken Mecciarello
John Forelle, Alternate

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sandra David
Drew Weaver
Warren Replansky (arrived 7:40 pm)
Three members of the public

The meeting started at 7:40 pm. Jones made a motion to accept the February 9, 2011 minutes as submitted; second by Soracco. All in favor. Motion passed.

STISSING SELF STORAGE: The applicant was not present for the meeting. Bartles asked Replansky if it is subject to review or not. Weaver stated that it will require special permit application and site plan review. He stated it is considered an expansion of a non-conforming use. Short discussion followed. Replansky explained the meaning of non-conforming use. Bartles stated the next thing would be to schedule a public hearing. Replansky stated that normally nothing can be done without the applicant in attendance. Discussion followed. Soracco asked if the Board couldn't schedule the public hearing and have Proper contact the applicant to make sure that he will be present. Replansky stated that would be okay. Replansky asked if everything was in order in terms of what the Board needs to make a decision. It was decided to schedule the public hearing and have Proper confirm with the applicant that they will be present. Replansky stated that the public hearing notice could be tricky and asked Proper to consult with him on it. Replansky asked Proper to draft one and send it on to him. Osofsky made a motion to have Proper schedule the public hearing and confirm with the applicant; second by Soracco. All in favor. Motion passed.

STISSING FARMS: The applicant did not show up. Replansky stated it is not appropriate to discuss the project without the applicant present. Short discussion followed on what the applicant was asking for.

OTHER BUSINESS: Replansky began a discussion about the Chair position. He stated that the Board needs a Chairperson for two purposes; one is to sign plats and the other is to conduct the meetings. He stated he discussed this with the Town Board and the Planning Board really needs to have someone. He stated there is no way that someone else can sign the plats. Replansky stated that maybe the Board would like to have a revolving Chairperson. He stated every two months someone else would act as Chair so nobody has the burden of doing it full time. He stated he would assist the Chairperson with whatever functions they have. He stated he would come to the meetings

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or have Stolzenburg come to the meetings to get through to the point where someone actually wants to be Chairperson. He stated this would save any one person from having the burden for a long period of time. Replansky stated the Village of Rhinebeck used to rotate the Chairperson every six months. He stated this is something for the Board to think about and work out. He stated the Town Board could appoint a person for a two month period or whatever the Board agrees on. Replansky stated that the Chair doesn't have a lot of responsibility other than the two functions he mentioned previously. Bartles stated that he felt that was insulting. Replansky stated he didn't mean it to be because a proactive Chairperson could do much more than that but at a minimum that is what needs to be done. Bartles asked who can sign vouchers. Proper stated that Supervisor Pulver is signing payroll vouchers and she signs simple vouchers for legal notices, etc. Replansky stated that normally the Chair signs off on consulting vouchers. Proper stated that Pulver is doing that as well. Replansky asked the Board to think about it. No response from the Board.

Jones advised that the Board had never officially appointed Nan Stolzenburg as their planner. Discussion followed. Osofsky made a motion to appoint Nan Stolzenburg as the Planning Board's planner; second by Jones. All in favor. Motion passed. Replansky asked Proper to let Stolzenburg know.

Replansky asked the Board how they felt about the revolving Chairperson position. Jones stated without the other members present it is hard to decide. Replansky asked if there were any maps that needed signatures. Proper stated no. Osofsky stated she would be okay with it. No other response from Board members.

Jones made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm; second by Soracco. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy E. Proper
Secretary