

December 20, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartland Planning Board was held on the above date at the Hartland Town Hall 7:30 pm.

Members of the Board present:

Beverly Snell

James Haight

Robert Spencer

Merle Snell

Robert Harris, chairman

This was a closed planning meeting since there were no Public Hearings on the agenda for the evening.

Robert Spencer read the Town of Royalton Zoning Board of Appeals minutes from November 26, 2018 as recommended by Michael Hartman. Michael recommended in his cover letter that the Hartland Planning Board develop a new Comprehensive Plan including an updated vision and changes for the Town going forward in 2019.

In order to facilitate a new plan the following points were presented by the members.

1. Maintain and enhance agriculture and the "right to farm" by obtaining a "right to farm" designation.
2. Encourage different types of economic development;
  - Designate and expand the commercial district to include Hartland corners to Johnson's Creek.
  - It was noted that not much land is available in the Town for commercial use on Ridge Road.
  - The lack of sewer and gas availability has an adverse effect on commercial development.
  - There has been a loss of potential business development to other towns because of the single owner/operator requirement.
  - This brought up the possibility of increasing permit fees which haven't been raised in approximately 16 years.
  - Create a welcome package for new residents.

- Invite Niagara County Small Business Development Agency to partner with the Town of Hartland to hold small business seminars for Hartland residence interested in starting a business in the town.
- Make sure that all agriculturally related businesses in the town are included in the Niagara County Ag Brochure produced by the Cooperative Extension.
- Consider developing a farmer's market in the town.
- Analyzing how the proximity of the wine trail could help future business and visitors to the town.

It was the conclusion of the board members that a comprehensive assessment of resources within the town is required in order to move forward. Categories of resources should include businesses, historic sites, parks, schools and misc. other resources. A partial list of resources was compiled at the meeting. It was suggested that Michael Hartman could assist in providing a complete list of businesses within the town.