

# Planning Board

## Town of Columbus, Chenango County, New York

**Minutes:** Meeting of September 15, 2011

**Planning Board Members present:** Jack Harper, Lori Horner, Wells Horton, Eileen May, Mike Simons, Liz Vermeulen, Kay Winton

**Public Present:** none

**Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Wells Horton.**

**Review of Previous minutes:** A motion was made by Liz Vermeulen to accept the August Minutes. It was seconded by Jack Harper and approved by all.

**Public Comment:** none

### **Communications:**

1. Wells has invited Claudia Mahoney from Frontier to our October meeting to discuss current and future Telecommunication opportunities. The Town Board members and public are invited to attend.
2. Almost all of the Planning Board members attended the open house at Golden's and thought it was a great opportunity.

### **Reports and Action on Old Business:**

1. NYSEG is planning to build a new electricity transmission line in order to meet the power needs of Chenango County and Agro Farma in South Edmeston. Since our last meeting, Wells spoke with Cindy Oliver, NYSEG Manager of Real Estate and Dennis Bender, NYSEG Project Manager. The existing right of way is 100' and they require 150' for this project. At the time of our meeting, four landowners had denied permission for NYSEG to do a survey on their property. If the landowners refuse to sell NYSEG the additional right of way, NYSEG will probably proceed with Eminent domain Article 4 404 procedures. Dennis Bender hadn't considered the importance of farm fences in the ROW. He will also inventory electric fences and will consider voltage surveys at installation and one year later. Wells also asked about collocating the line on the existing poles. Dennis felt it would have better redundancy on two sets of poles. He would not rule out one set of poles, but would rather not consider the option. Wells also asked why they weren't planning on following the existing row all the way to the UV. Dennis said that there were too many wetlands to do that though this appears to be a false statement based on our DEC wetlands maps.
2. We weren't sure what the measurement of a hectare is. From Wiki : A **hectare** is a 10,000 square meters , or 107,637 square feet. An **acre** is approximately 4,840 square yards or 43,560 square feet and is used in most English-speaking countries. If you work out the calculations, you will find that there are 2.471 acres in 1 hectare.
3. Attached are the maps that Mike had made of Columbus that shows Columbus roads, wetlands & ag districts.

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**New Business:** none

**Assignments for next meeting October 20, 2011:**

1. Kay will tell Frontier they will need to bring a projector for their presentation if required.
2. Wells will send a Thank-you to Golden's.
3. All members review the Subdivision Law against the Site Plan Review Law.

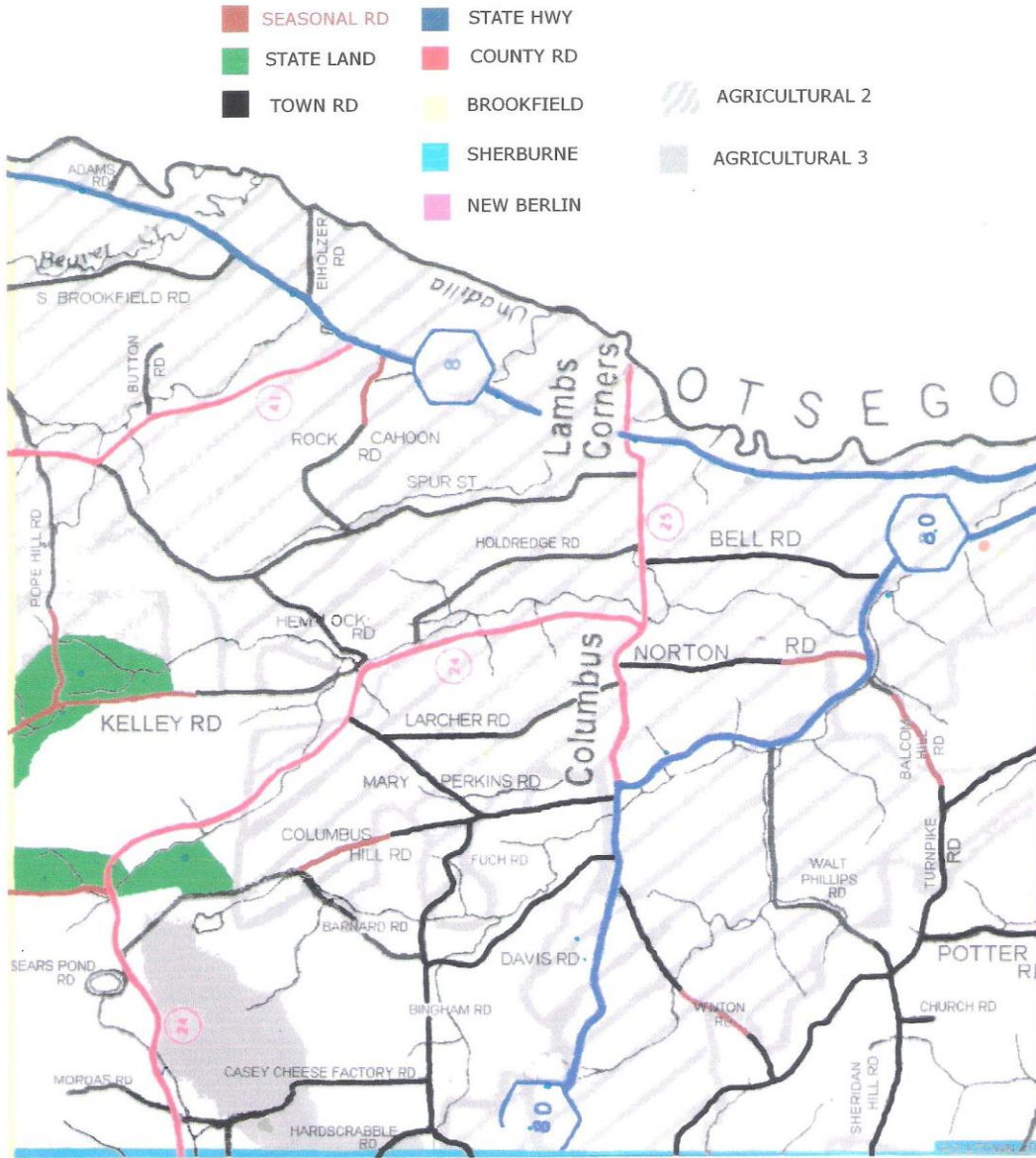
**Meeting adjourned at 7:22:** Motion made by Liz and seconded by Mike.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

**As always, we ask that you please contact Wells if you are unable to attend the meeting.**

Minutes submitted by L Horner

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