

Town of York Plan Commission
Minutes for July 2009

The Town of York Plan Commission met on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at The Town Hall in Postville. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. and roll call was taken and those present were, Don Anderson, Curt Moen, Sean Shilling, Heidi Hankley, Kelly Hermanson, Todd Hasse from Hasse Surveying, Aaron Digman and Carlo Pasquino. The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve as read was made by Sean and 2nd by Heidi, Motion approved.

Todd Hasse presented us with a preliminary survey map showing that Aaron Digman would like to sell the buildings plus 24 acres off of the farm he owns on Gould Hill Rd. There will not be a density unit attached to this transaction. A motion was made by Sean to approve this proposed division of property and they can proceed to the town board, 2nd by Heidi, motion approved.

We then began our discussion about conservation easements. We feel as the Plan Commission that to allow building on Conservation Easements would open the door for legal challenges. Right now the Town of York would be the only viable holder of conservation easements. It was mentioned by our representative to last months town board meeting that we would like a committee to help with the Conservation Easement process. This committee would answer to us.

We talked about different ways to fund the endowment fund. There could be a fee of \$500.00 for a driveway permit or real estate transfer, or raise the driveway permit fee to \$1800.00 and \$500.00 of that would go to the endowment fund. It costs approximately \$5000.00 to get property into a Conservation Easement.

We are asked to read the Town of Dunn Rural Conservation Program for our August meeting and be ready to comment on it. Sean will send it to us via e-mail and he will also contact the Town of Dunn too see how successful this as been for them.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sean, 2nd by Don. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Our next meeting will be August 4th, 2009

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly Hermanson