

**PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN AND VILLAGE OF ARCADE  
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At a meeting of the Planning Board of the Town and Village of Arcade held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Boardroom, 17 Church Street, Arcade, New York:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rich Kosmerl, Don Suttell, Andy Schnitzler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Bijhouwer, Aaron Felber

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Art Buckley, Wyo. Co. Planner

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Acting Chairman Rich Kosmerl.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2013 were tabled as a quorum from that meeting was not present.

**MOTION** by Don Suttell, seconded by Andy Schnitzler and unanimously carried, to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2013.

**WORK SESSION: ART BUCKLEY, WYOMING COUNTY PLANNER IN ATTENDANCE TO REVIEW THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT:**

In Discussion:

1. Mr. Buckley began by thanking the Board for taking on this amendment and the zoning laws which will follow. He stated that the Town of Arcade is the first to tackle the issue in the State and quite possibly the country. He further stated that since New York is a home-rule state, towns have much to offer and it is better for individual towns to decide what they want.
2. He informed the Board that he is working with the Planning Studio at the University of Buffalo which is designing a template of steps involved for this process. It is quite likely that what the Town of Arcade is doing will be included as part of the template.
3. For the second draft of the amendment he advised the following:
  - a. Make sure all energy types are included – add solar, bio diesel, waste energy (such

- b. Fleet service.
- 4. Mr. Buckley also suggested that the Board review the “GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS” beginning on Page 9 of the Comprehensive Plan. It would be advisable to update this section in conjunction with the Energy Development Amendment. To be considered is addressing catch words such as “green”, “sustainability”, “renewable” and “smart growth initiative” which will help with the scoring and ranking for projects being considered for grant money. He also suggested that the Board refer to the Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan.
  - a. The Board referred to the Comprehensive Plan and discussed where such goals should be included. The additional goals could be included under section B: PROTECT AND EFFECTIVELY MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING FARMLAND, section C: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RETIVITALIZTION OF COMMERCIAL AREAS and section F: PROVIDE EFFICIENT UTILITY SERVICES TO VILLAGE AND TOWN RESIDENTS.
  - b. Include a statement regarding ensuring development of renewable and self-energy generating projects being properly integrated into the local community, encouraging cooperation on regional development and addressing energy development.
  - c. The Board should recommend to the Town and Village that goals should be added to the Comprehensive Plan.
- 5. How will the Town deal with bio digesters in terms of taxation? Would they receive on- farm exemptions or be considered commercial enterprises? This should be discussed at the Town level and could be settled in the Comprehensive Plan .
- 6. To be considered when developing zoning laws should be energy development not appropriate on our best farm lands based on soil types and also road use.

The Board thanked Mr. Buckley for attending the meeting and providing his input. In turn, Mr. Buckley stated that he was most appreciative that the Board has taken on this project.

The Board completed the second draft of the Energy Development Amendment (see Attachment A).

The Board directed the Secretary to include on the next agenda the discussion regarding additional goals to be added to the Comprehensive Plan along with review of the second draft of the amendment. Further, the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the second draft of the amendment to the Town and Village for recommendation and comment along with notifying them that the Planning Board is not yet ready to hold a public hearing in October as originally anticipated.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

upon **motion** by Don Suttell, seconded by Andy Schnitzler and unanimously carried. The next regular meeting of the Planning Board of the Town and Village of Arcade is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Village Boardroom, 17 Church Street, Arcade, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly L. Almeter  
Secretary