

**Joseph Wetmore
Town Board Member Report
July 2025**

Planning Board

Monday, June 23·6:30 – 8:30pm

- * Project: Final Plat Review of Minor Subdivision (2 Lots) - 0 Ridge Road. “Parcel B” (8.923 acres) and remaining parent “Parcel A” (33.044 acres). This project is located in the RA zoning district. Approved.
- *Project: Preliminary Plat Review of Minor Subdivision (2 Lots) of land at 5 Fiddlers Green: Minor subdivision “Parcel B” (4.22acres) and remaining parent “Parcel A” (2.05 acres). This project is located in the R1 zoning district. Approved.
- * Project: Sketch Plan Review 164 Auburn Road: Site Plan Review of new professional office park and associated site work including new paving and stormwater management practices. This project is located in the IR zoning district. Board scheduled Public Hearing for July 28th.
- * Project: Lot Line Adjustment 838 Auburn Road. Lot Line Adjustment greater than one (1) acre needing Board review. Planning department to sign off on approval.
- * Site Plan Renewal 308 Peruville Road. Site Plan renewal for a pre-approved project in which there has been no change in zoning, SEQR, site plan, etc. Board approved Site Plan renewal.

Operations & Code Revision Committee Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 25·10:00am – 12:00pm

Reviewed the Zoning Update RFP draft.
Discussed outreach to fill the Zoning Working Group.

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO)

Wednesday, June 25·7:00 – 9:00pm

- *Resolution to approve a LOS for the Town of Ulysses’ application for WQIP funding to replace the Agard Rd. culvert.
- * Resolution to approve salary increase for Watershed Manager commensurate with Hobart William Smith Colleges pending uniform pay raises.
- * Waterfront, Drinking Water, and Wastewater happenings in Cayuga, Aurora, and Union Springs.
- * Chair Report - Roxy Johnston
 - a. Dues reminders have gone out as well as dues projections (Lansing is current).
 - b. There are growing concerns regarding lake foam that collects on and near the shoreline.

- c. A new research initiative at SUNY ESF aims to better understand the cause of algal blooms in Skaneateles Lake. This work, led by Dr. Stephen Shaw, Chair of the Environmental Resources Engineering Department, will study both toxic and non-toxic blooms that affect water quality, recreation, and public health in the region. The project will use tools like satellite imaging for daily monitoring, nutrient tracking, and predictive modeling to assess bloom risks.
- d. Senate Bill S1833 titled, “Harmful algal bloom monitoring and prevention act” was passed by the New York State Senate on June 10th.

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group

Wednesday, July 9:9:30 – 10:00am

- * Myers Road Greenway - Updates from T.G. Miller
- * Greenway Trail Comprehensive Plan - Contract has been signed.
 - introduction/kickoff meeting for late August/ early September
- * Town Center Phase 1 Feasibility Study - Contract will be signed at the July 16th Town Board meeting

NEW BUSINESS

-Pat met with Eisenhut brothers (S.E.E. Associates) about their property on the curve. The committee had concerns about how the project would affect the current trail and connections across Auburn Road.

Underground Railroad Historical Marker

I’ve been spending a lot of time gathering material documenting how the Underground Railroad ran from Ithaca through Ludlowville and on to Sherwood (or across the lake to Trumansburg) for the Pomeroy Foundation. They have approved the research, and we are now discussing the language for the historical marker for Ludlowville.

Below is a map from my report to the Pomeroy Foundation that shows the regional routes and stops.

**Map of some of the locations of well-known Abolitionists,
Including some documented Underground Railroad stops
in The Finger Lakes**

