

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the Town of Dickinson Planning Board was held on December 17, 2018 in the Town Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York. Chairman Wasser called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wasser, Groover, Morello, Kirkland, Ford

MEMBERS ABSENT; None

ALSO PRESENT: L. Esposito, H. Van Houten, T. Burns, S. Rafferty

Member Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018. Member Wasser seconded the motion and all members present voted Aye.

Chairman Wasser gave out a proposed meeting schedule for the Planning Board for 2019. The schedule is subject to change and changes will be posted on the Town Website.

Chairman Wasser introduced Lucia Esposito, Aging Services Program Coordinator for the Broome County Office for Aging. Ms. Esposito briefly explained that Broome County desires to become an Age Friendly Community and is encouraging all municipalities in Broome County to become certified. She explained that the program is aimed at keeping the elderly in their homes by providing services to them that will allow them to remain in the community. The County is currently developing a survey to be distributed in January or February to obtain information that will be used by non-profits to determine future programs that would benefit the older population. Ms. Esposito stated that seniors have economic power in that many have more financial resources than many people realize.

The program is fashioned after AARP and covers transportation, outdoor public spaces and accessibility, housing, social participation, work or volunteer incentives, and affordable health centers.

Chairman Wasser stated that it is the intent of the Planning Board to update the Comprehensive Plan to promote the concept of Age Friendly Community in the Town of Dickinson. The Board discussed various ideas that non profits would be able to assist in obtaining an age friendly community. Chairman Wasser will distribute a draft for the next meeting concerning the age friendly concept.

Chairman Wasser expressed his appreciation to Member Groover's commitment to the Planning Board and wished her the best of luck in her new position as Town Justice. The rest of the Board echoed the same sentiment and wished her well.

Member Morello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Member Kirkland seconded the motion and all members present voted Aye.

Respectfully,

Stephen A. Rafferty
Secretary