

Regular Meeting of the Planning Board of the Village of Newark Valley was held Tuesday evening, February 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Noble Room. Present were:

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| Chairperson | Sandy Kasmarcik |
| Board Member | Walter Knudsen |
| Board Member | Sue Hills |
| Board Member | Ellen Giblin |
| Guest | Jim Wurtenburg |
| Recorder | Sarah Rudin |

Meeting was called to order by Sandy Kasmarcik at 5:57 PM.

Sandy Kasmarcik spoke regarding the ATV issue on Smullen Avenue. She read over the Village laws to see if there was anything in there to prohibit ATV's from being on the road. Walter Knudsen checked with the Town of Newark Valley to see if there was anything in their laws regarding this issue and found nothing so far.

Jim Wurtenburg questioned whose property was this person accessing. Can these people access the property from their own yard instead of riding on the road?

Can a sign be put up by the board or does the Code Enforcer need to do that?

The board needs to come up with a code.

The only thing Sandy Kasmarcik found in the laws was for vehicles riding on sidewalks. Nothing for ATV's or snowmobiles. We need a code to include all recreational vehicles. There are no roads in the Village that are legal for an ATV to ride on.

The only codes found that pertain to these issues are:

Chapter 157 – Vehicles and Traffic Law

Chapter 140 – Streets and Sidewalks

Chapter 104 – Noise

Chapter 76 - Curfew

Read these codes to see if there is anything in these laws that we could incorporate these issues into to make a law.

Sue Hills asked if they are a farmer. Do we have special options for farmers? Then there is the Amish, what about their horses leaving a mess on the road. If we ask the ATV guy to clean the road, we will have to ask the Amish to clean the road also. How do we enforce the code equally? Ellen Giblin suggested the Code Enforcer go talk to these people about keeping the road clean. A discussion with the Code Enforcer might be an option.

For now, this is tabled until we can have a meeting with Jim Tornatore and Scott Kasmarcik present.

MRTA – The Village of Newark Valley cannot have a smoking lounge, but they can have a dispensary. The board needs to think of ways to control this. Jim Tornatore sent an email about smoking in public.

It was asked if we could just take our current laws and make them stricter? Can no smoking signs be put up? Does the Trout Ponds have no smoking signs? If not, they should have some and one should be on every pavilion. Are there Rules & Regulations posted at the Trout Ponds? Ellen Giblin will check out the Trout Ponds to see if there are any signs there.

There shouldn't be many problems with dispensaries. People are going to get their product and leave. If a store is opened, the government is involved. Everything is labeled and tracked.

Sandy Kasmarcik stated for now we could just put-up signs and see how that goes. Business owners could put signs up at their businesses. She will go to the Village Board Meeting being held on Tuesday, February 8th and give them these suggestions and see what they would like to do with it. Signage might be a cheap fix until everything gets in place with the government. If the Code Enforcer is present, she could bring up these issues to him as well.

It was questioned as to whether the Village owns the Depot. If we do, could we designate a smoking area, or will this encourage people to smoke pot there if we do. It was brought up that the Historical Society owns the Depot and as of now, there isn't a smoking issue. We shouldn't create a problem if we don't have to. The Village will have to get with the Historical Society if they want to put signs up.

Jim Wurtenburg brought up the fact that there are too many houses in the Village that need to be taken care of. They are mostly run down or empty. He suggested to have them torn down to bring in new buildings. Can we have the Code Enforcer get on this and enforce these issues.

Are there laws regarding houses? These are some laws you can look into:

Chapter 62 – Building Construction and Fire Prevention

Chapter 66 – Buildings, unsafe

Chapter 112 – Parks and Public Places

Chapter 120 – Property, Inspection of

Chapter 122 – Property Maintenance

Sandy Kasmarcik stated this housing issue can be discussed next month.

Ellen Giblin asked about shoveling in the Village. Is the cemetery responsible for shoveling their sidewalk? Sandy Kasmarcik will check into this. It was mentioned that there are other streets in the village that also have not been shoveled. This will also be brought up at the Village Board Meeting.

The next Village Planning Board Meeting will be held on March 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Sandy Kasmarcik made a motion at 6:46 PM to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Wurtenburg.