

Genoa Comprehensive Planning Group Notes
Monday 11 January 2010

Present: Maria Bachich, John Berry, Ralph Nettleton, Anto Parseghian, Dan Thayer, Susan Tosto, Karin Wikoff.

- 1. Approval of Minutes for December Meeting:** Approved; Karin will make the corrections from Kezia Sullivan to our notes on the Southern Cayuga Ambulance Service.
- 2. Agricultural Panel Preparation:** We have a flyer, an e-mail, a notice on the town website and an ad in the Shopper. Our speakers will include Geoff Milz from the County Planning Department, Jason Cuddeback from Soil and Water Conservation, Judy Wright from the Farmland Trust and one more – 4 agencies will be represented. We will also place flyers at the 2 Post Offices, the Pit Stop, the Genoa Hotel, the King Ferry Hotel, the Triangle restaurant, the Hazard Public Library by Maria and Ralph. Any of the committee members who can come early, please do. Ralph and Anto will come early for sure to make sure the tables and chairs are set up. Karin will bring the survey results in case anyone asks, and she will ask Dave about bringing the maps to display for the public.
- 3. Cayuga Watershed:** Maria has a letter from Hillary of the Cayuga Watershed. She would love to work with local groups and attend our meetings at which we will discuss water issues. We can extend our invitation to her for our Thursday panel discussion as well as our February meeting. Comments in our loose water discussion included that Maria is involved in direct stream monitoring, sampling 5 streams but not including Salmon Creek. Ralph is interested in well testing. John says the County monitors Salmon Creek and Little Salmon Creek. Maria and Ralph will look into finding out from where households get their water.
- 4. Open Space:** The Town owns the 10 acres around the Town Hall but not much more than that. The wooded area along the lake is privately held.
- 5. Fire Departments:** We have all the info we need from the Genoa Fire Department, and Maria will talk to the folks at the King Ferry Fire Department to complete that portion of our inventory information.
- 6. DEC and Water:** Maria talked with the DEC about water issues. She distributed a list of those with “Permits to Discharge” which allows them to discharge certain kinds of water into streams. The list includes 5 CAFOs and the Department of Transportation. The King Ferry Golf Course used to have one but that is closed now. This permit covers storm water discharge, farm discharges and how much manure is spread on fields. Petroleum spills are also covered under this section.
- 7. Ledyard Plan:** We will ask Dave Stilwell if we can get a copy of the Ledyard plan – there were 4 copies sitting on a table in the meeting room and it looks useful.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Wikoff, Secretary, Town of Genoa Comprehensive Planning Committee