

**Town of Shandaken  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
Monday February 13, 2012**

Minutes of Public Hearing as noted in the legal notice to hear all in favor of or those opposed to any item or items in the Town of Shandaken Scenic Byways Plan.

Members Present: Supervisor Rob Stanley  
Board Member Doris Bartlett  
Board Member Vincent Bernstein  
Board Member Alfred Higley, Jr.  
Board Member Jack Jordan  
Recording Secretary Town Clerk Joyce Grant

Others Present: Peter Manning – Consultant, Carol O’Braine, Diane Galusha CWC



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
CATSKILL MTNS. SCENIC BYWAY PLAN**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Shandaken Town Board will convene a special Town Board meeting to conduct Town Business and hold a Public Hearing on **Monday February 13, 2012** at 6pm at the Shandaken Town Hall located at 7209 Route 28, Shandaken New York.

**The purpose of this hearing is to hear arguments from all those present, in favor or against The proposed CATSKILL MTS. SCENIC BYWAY PLAN, and to conduct any relative business.**

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Shandaken Town Hall is assessable to the physically impaired.

**Dated: February 7, 2012  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD**

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**Joyce Grant – Town Clerk**

Public Comment

Spvr. Stanley – Purpose of meeting is to address some concerns on wording of plan, concerns with home rule, regulations of Scenic Byway.

Board Member Bernstein – Question about help getting grants with this program.

Robert Selkowitz – Byway would be a non profit organization for tourism. Byway group has no regulatory power.

Peter Manning – There is funding available for byway program.

Spvr. Stanley – Concerned that other towns in the program will also adhere to any signage agreements for the plan. Re: Rewording the draft of proposal.

Dave Channon – There are many benefits to this program for all the towns and hamlets.

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Bob Kalb – 15 yrs. No one wanted traffic – now we want more traffic.

Al Frizenda – This is a lot of BS. These people are looking to regulate us. In regards to page 102, 103, 104, 110 – More regulations. We have enough and don't need anymore.

Tom Rinaldi – Powers will remain the same, committees cannot impose regulations on the town. We are left with certain means to grow our environment. This is a chance to bring attention to our region. The Byway will be what we want it to be.

Spvr. Stanley – Will voting be weighted by population or location?

Board Member Higley – Can we opt out after several yrs. If the plan isn't working for Shandaken.

Peter Manning – Voting is not weighted & you can opt out of the program. As you get a regulation in place – there are many aspects of development. You can take inventory of you regulations and see what is working for your town. It would be the Town Boards decision.

Al Frisenda – You should focus on the Interpretive Center.

Eric Hanson – This plan will not benefit the residents of the town and the roads should be fixed before you can expect visitors to travel on them.

Dave Pillard – This plan is more about promotion, not regulation. It's about promoting our area. It's what we make it. Tourism & Recreation is the future of Shandaken. This will affect the hard working people of Shandaken – we need to get going on this to help our community.

Bruce Bury – Our mission is to bring people into Shandaken. This is a plan that will direct people into towns. The collaborative cannot regulate the town.

Kathy Jordan – How does the committee determine what businesses are promoted?

Peter Manning – The idea is not to pick and choose businesses, etc.. but to list all and let the visitors decide.

Maxanne Resnick – Asked about finding out how other towns who have used this plan, dealt with the issues we have questions about. How they made the plan work – to resolve some of the questions being raised.

Al Frisenda- Issue about Grants – They are fine as long as they don't cost us any money to get them.

Nick Alba – We don't have to be apprehensive about getting grants. How will all this be promoted?

Peter Manning – Website, logo the same for all towns, brochures, kiosks, etc.

Beth Waterman – It is clear to me that we have more to gain by this plan, and nothing to lose.

Spvr. Stanley – Noted that Rt. 42 will be open by the end of week. Thanked everyone for coming and giving their opinions on this subject & for being respectful with positive input. Will see everyone at next draft.

All business pertinent having been discussed, the Town Board adjourned 7:18 on a Stanley/Jordan motion.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February

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Joyce Grant – Town Clerk