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Effingham Planning Board
Work Session
February 23, 2012

Members Present: Bill Piekut, Susan Slack, Paul Potter, Mike Cahalane (alternate)

Members Absent: George Bull, Joanna Bull, Jory Augenti, Chris Kanca

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

Plan NH

Robin LeBlanc from Plan NH was present and gave background information stating Plan NH is made up of contractors in the build industry. (I.e. engineers, planners, builders, architects, etc.) who make suggestions to keep rural character of towns while planning for their future. She explained the process and how it works. The team completes a Design Charrette which consists of:

Friday (noon) – arrive in town and have 2 meetings that day. One at night and one in the afternoon.

Saturday (morning) – Plan NH group gets together for meetings

Saturday (afternoon) – Plan NH presents their findings to the town

Applications are due by March 16, 2012 and the fee is \$5,000.00. Fee is not an up-front cost but is paid the month of the Charrette. Towns can either raise the money, sometimes banks underwrite cost or by Grant.

Effingham is thinking of this process for the Lord's Hill part of town. Plan NH does not focus on one piece of property but a section of town.

Others present for the presentation were David Jeffers of Lakes Region Planning Commission, Karen Payne of Effingham Preservation Society and Sheila Jones of Effingham Historical Society along with Paul Potter and Mike Cahalane of the Effingham Historical Commission. All present asked questions and discussed the proposed project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.