

CITY OF ITHACA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2010

The Regular meeting of the Ithaca Planning Commission was called to order by Secretary Mark Barrows at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Secretary Mark Barrows and Members Neville Pitcher, Wilbur Rykert, Jerry Timmons, Jim Gruesbeck, George Bailey. City Staff present were City Manager Chelsey Foster and Building Inspector Dale Sherman.

Absent were Chairperson John Wilson and Member Doug Wright.

Public in Attendance: Councilperson Larry Trexler and resident Judith Dabbs.

Moved by Jerry Timmons, second by George Bailey to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Judy Dabbs asked if the City would allow egg laying hens in the City limits for non-commercial personal use.

Members discussed whether a permit should be acquired, how the other animal boarding ordinances read. Concerns were expressed about whether allowing chickens would result in residents wanting to have all kinds of farm animals. Members spoke on multiple ways to control who would be eligible to board chickens in the City limits, one being an example from Ann Arbor, where permission must be granted by neighbors.

Secretary Mark Barrows told Judith Dabbs the Planning Commission will send her a letter notifying her of what the board's decision is and why after the next meeting.

The issue of raising chickens in the City Limits will be tabled until the next meeting on November 9th, 2010.

Moved by George Bailey, second by Wilbur Rykert to set the Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance (Art.1) District Regulations for November 9th, 2010 at 7:05pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49 p.m.

Mark Barrows, Secretary