

Village of Afton Planning Board Minutes

March 3, 2056

Present: April Leggett, Ina Marvin, Chris Wright, Liaison Trustee Rob Humphrey

Absent: Jason Wicks

Visitors: Tyler Oliver, Economic Development, Commerce Chenango, various members of
the Afton community

*April Leggett opened the meeting at 7 pm and introduced the quest speaker, Tyler Oliver, from Commerce Chenango, to discuss ways to grow Afton. He said Chenango County has benefitted from groups like: Young Professionals, Mayor summits, School Superintendants summits, CEO Roundtables, and also input from small businesses and nonprofits. Financing assistance, project facilitation, and strategic partnerships have improved the quality of life and the economic strength of Chenango County. He also talked about a new Early Learning Center that can be duplicated in other communities like Afton, creating a three year Economic Development Plan, developing a Shovel-Ready Site, and implementing a housing strategy for both rentals and housing upgrades. He then discussed a database of business vacancies, and various funding sources, including: NY Forward, NYS Main Street Program, Micro-enterprise Program, Creating a Land Bank, and CDBG grants.

*Then the meeting was opened to discussion and ideas from the attendees. These ideas included: a Deli, Sandwich/Coffee shop, Farmers Market, laundromat, Computer services, more apartments, live band nights, and movie nights.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Leggett, Chair, Village of Afton Planning Board

