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Tusten Moves Forward with Zoning Code Rewrite

The Town of Tusten will begin a comprehensive analysis and re-write of its zoning code being this summer. This initiative, which is spearheaded by a ten member committee appointed by the Town Board, will have a series of work sessions in the basement of the Town Hall beginning on the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. from June to August, and resuming the first Monday at 7 p.m. from September to December of 2010. The work sessions are open to the public.

The zoning code rewrite is a follow-up to meet the goals of the Town's updated comprehensive plan, which was approved by the Town Board in late 2007. The two year hiatus was due to the zoning committee's attention to protect road and bridge infrastructure in anticipation of gas drilling as part of the Multi-Municipal Task Force, which the Town of Tusten has been the lead agency on grant applications and organization. Supervisor Peggy Harrison commented that "...this committee is a very innovative group which expresses a deep interest in issues facing the town." According to Tony Ritter, Chair of the ZBA and a member of the zoning re-write committee, "...while the code has been amended a few times over the years, it has not received a thorough rewrite since 1998, and a rewrite is necessary to achieve greater clarity while maintaining the goals and vision the Town's Updated comprehensive plan."

The rewrite will be facilitated and coordinated by consultant Dr. William Pammer. In addition to the committee workshops, community stakeholder meetings will be held after January 2011 to receive feedback on the draft re-write. A final zoning document is targeted for board approval in spring 2011.

For information regarding this project, visit the Town of Tusten website at:

www.tusten.org

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www.tusten-narrowsburg.org

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