

**TOWN OF JACKSON
JOINT PLANNING & TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2016**

The Town of Jackson Planning & Town Boards held a joint meeting on March 8, 2016 at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm with the following members present:

Planning Board Members

Noel Hanf, Chairman
Doug Gordon
Irene Headwell
Mark Mahoney
Jamie Nolan
Cheryl Record
John Tully

Town Board Members

Supervisor Jay Skellie
Councilman Michael Nolan
Councilman Travis Rea
Councilman Carol Rich
Councilman Edward Rouse

Others present:

Sharon Dunn

JOINT MEETING

The joint meeting convened with Chairman Hanf directing the group to the discussion questions distributed last week.

First, the group agreed that preserving Jackson's rural, agriculture character was the greatest priority stated by the questionnaire respondents.

Next, the group discussed past development that has caused residents concern (i.e. Mushroom Farm odor or Absolute Auto lighting to name a few). Both Supervisor Skellie and Mark Mahoney shared that they had recently received a packet from a solar company seeking 20 acres of open space for the purpose of erecting large quantities of solar panels. The monthly payment to the property owner would be significant. This type of offer is impacting many Washington County townships. Depending on one's perspective this could be considered either desirable or undesirable development.

Eventually, the discussion led to whether or not the Planning Board should draft an outline for Site Plan Review (zoning is not an desired option). After another lengthy discussion each Town Board member offered his/her viewpoint about site plan review. In the end the Town Board members agreed, as a first step, to have the Planning Board draft an outline for Site Plan Review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk/Planning Board Clerk