Wellsboro Planning Commission Seminar January 27, 2016

The Wellsboro Planning Commission met on January 27, 2016 in the Council meeting room at 14 Crafton Street Borough Office. Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker.

Peter T Wulfhorst AICP, Economic & Community Development Extension Educator, Ag. Entrepreneurship/Economic & Community Development Extension Team, Penn State Extension, was invited to update us on Zoning and Planning.

Attending the training Dan Strausser, Wellsboro Manager, Chris Lantz- Borough Solicitor, Pete Herres, Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission, Maxine Mills, Delmar Zoning, Randall Mills, Delmar Planning, Jennifer Mase Updyke, Wellsboro Councilor, Craig Musser, Airport Manager, Daryl Stratton, Wellsboro HARB, Rudy Scharf, Wellsboro Planning, David Cleveland, Delmar Supervisor, Jay Erb, Wellsboro Building Inspector, David West, Delmar Supervisor, Mike Carson, Charleston Planning, John Biscoe, Delmar Planning, Barbara Rigby, Delmar Zoning, Kevin Connelly, Wellsboro Planning and Councilor, Jim Rigby, Delmar Planning, Louis Prevost, Wellsboro Planning, John Reber, Delmar Zoning, Susan Keck, Wellsboro Zoning, Planning, Lana Shabloski, Delmar Sewer Clerk, Robert McCarthy, Wellsboro Shade Tree, Jim Weaver, County Planner, Ron Comstock, Wellsboro Planning, Howard Rutledge, Wellsboro Shade Tree, John E. Wheeler, Wellsboro Mayor, Fred Kennedy, Delmar Supervisor, Bruce Vickery, Wellsboro Zoning Solicitor, Dick Putman, Duncan Twp Supervisor, Joan Hart, Wellsboro Councilor, HARB.

A summary of topics covered follows:

Zoning-an Overview

Municipalities Planning Code - what is the MPC, articles, characteristics, Police Power – protection of health, safety, morals and general welfare, police power safeguards

A definition of Zoning

What Zoning Regulates – 603 – MPC

Limits to Zoning

Zoning terms – Conditional Use, Special Exception, Variance, Non-conforming Uses

Zoning Administration

Zoning Administration Team – Planning Commission, Governing Body, Zoning Officer, Zoning Hearing Board

Zoning Officer & Zoning Enforcement – Zoning Officer's enforcement role, appeal of enforcement notice, Role of ZHB in enforcement

Zoning Hearing Board – organization, exclusive jurisdiction, How a ZHB works

Minutes respectfully submitted by