

**TOWN OF CATON  
CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

**JANUARY 2010**

**PERMITS**

**Logging**

2010-01L 407.00-03-009.100 Bockus 10736 Church Ck. Rd.

**Building**

2010-0001 390.00-02-24.300 Card, P. 10780 Card Ln. Front Porch-  
8x16ft. open; Rear Porch-12x20ft. enclosed

**Inspections**

1-04-10 Schlosser Jr. Chimney Fire

1-07-10 Framton A) 30x72ft wood frame barn Framing – Passed  
B) 18x18ft Addition to house Final – Passed Note:  
No inspections for framing, footers or electrical  
THEREFORE NO CERT. OF COMPLIANCE  
CAN NOT BE ISSUED. FOR PERMIT NO.  
2008-22. ONLY CLOSED.

1-26-10 Brasters Rental House Condemned It was reported to me  
that they back into it. Drove out and found them there. I talked to the  
husband who said they were painting inside. I explained that they could not  
stay overnight. That they are getting Mr. Braster and me in trouble and they  
cannot stay overnight. If I find them there again, they also will be in trouble.  
I tried the talk to Mr. Braster, but could not locate him.

**Meetings**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

1-20-10 Rose 24x30ft. Storage shed one foot from the property line.  
Approved with the following conditions. A) That the  
building be reduced in size to 20x30ft to meet the 600sq.

ft. maximum required for a home occupation. B) That it be placed greater than one foot from the building line.

### **Planning Board – Sub Divisions**

1-28-10	Sterling/Sterling	Approved
1-28-10	Mack/Grigsby	Approved
1-28-10	Morock/Jankowski	Preliminary
1-28-10	Corning Natural Gas Corporation	Preliminary

### **Complaints (New & In Process)**

Holland No Demolition Permit & Junk & Debris

### **General Notes**

1. I want to thank Don Haussener for working with me I getting the code section of Williamson Law on line. The first building permit of 2010 and the first order to remedy has been done on the computer. There have been some adjustments to meet Catons' requirements, but I look forward to using this system and I feel it will benefit Caton over the years.
2. Marilyn Bockus gave me a list of open permits dating back to 2004 and asked me to check and find out if the job has been completed so we can close them out or have them purchase a renewal for \$15 which is good for six months to complete the project.
3. William Peckham and his brother are having a dispute over the placement of a barn. I am in the process of working out an agreement to solve the problem.
4. Purchased and set up a new log book for the New Year. These will be filed in the records with the permits each year.
5. Printed out Certificate of Occupancy and also a Certificate of Compliance for Permit No. 2009-43, Linda Kilsdonk's new modular home and horse barn.
6. Genevieve Reynolds of Environmental Services, Inc. of Weymouth, Ma. Came in and asked questions about the old bus barns (septic systems, out was leasing it, etc.) I told her what I knew which was not much.
7. James Taylor, (former owner of 10642 Harrison Rd) looking for septic plans for the house built in 1996. I have not been able to locate any.
8. Doug Thomas called – concerned about dogs running loose in the town. He thinks the dog ordinance is poorly written.

9. Marilyn Bockus gave me a copy of an e-mail that she had received from Randy Klaver. Apparently he wants to build on some land he owns on Harrison Road. She told me the lots are unbuildable because they are on a seasonal road and that it had been decided at a planning board meeting several years ago. I told her I would look into it.
10. Scott Woodard called and wants to purchase some land in Caton and sub divide it into three five acre lots and build a cabin shell on each – no septic system – electric – heat – well or anything. I told him I would check.
11. Received paperwork from Fagan Engineers, Inc. representing Corning Natural Gas Corp. to build a compressor plant at the corner of Harris and Tannery Creek Roads on land presently owned by Crystal Valley Farms (Dean Stewart). James Gensel, PE of Fagan Engr. (734-2165 Ext. 220) will be representing CNG for Fagan's.
12. Lorenzo and Margaret King want to merge their properties into one. I will talk with Marilyn and get back with them.
13. Bob Smith is concerned about Caton United Methodist Church on several points. A) Posted occupancy signs. B) Panic bars on the entrance doors to the church. C) Candlelight ceremonies without a fire marshal present. I told him I would check into it and talk with Pastor Beth. He gave me her phone number. (524-6551)
14. It was reported that a dblwide on Buckwheat Hollow Road was sitting on a foundation that was bad. I will check it out
15. I spent part of 16 days and 65 and ½ hours at Caton this month.

Respectfully submitted;

Donald D. Miller, CEO Town of Caton

# TOWN OF CATON CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

## FEBRUARY 2010

### Permits:

No building Permits  
Logging Permits  
    Bockus-Church Creek Rd.  
    VanEtten-Whiskey Creek Rd.

### Inspections:

Wengers 59 Barto Hill Rd. Addition Final Passed CC. Issued  
McCormick 10710 Tannery Ck. Rd. Addition Framing/Rough Plumbing&  
Insulation All Passed

### Sub Divisions:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals
  - A) Gregory Morock/Ronald Jankowski Planning Board referred this matter To the ZBA due to the small road frontage. ZBA found nothing wrong With the amount of road frontage but suggested that distance behind Morock's garage be increased to 50ft. to meet zoning requirements and Decrease the right of way to 25ft. Was Done!
2. Planning Board
  - A) February 11, 2010 – Special Meeting for Corning Natural Gas Compressor Station to discuss the installation of a compressor station at The corner of Tannery Ck. Rd. and Harris Rd.  
They are rep-remented by Fagan Engineers and their PE. James Gensel. CNG were represented by Mike German, CEO and Russ Miller, VP. Of CNG Marketing.  
They presented a slide show showing pipelines, plot plan and preliminary lay-out of the building and compressors.  
Mr. Miller stated that the monies from this venture will be substantial and 80% of the profits would be returned to the customers.  
Jamie Gensel stated that all they had to do was to be 20 ft. from the property Line and they were 500 ft. from it. This is false! They are applying for A special permit and the 20 ft. doesn't apply. It's not residential.  
There were approx. 40 people who came in – mostly they voiced there Concerns about noise. One person voiced his approval..  
Jennifer Fais read a statement requesting several things from the gas co. And their engineers to be returned to the planning board in one week Since the normal time is two weeks and that would put it the same date

As the next mtg. (Feb.25<sup>th</sup>.) Kate (town Supervisor) also requested That they redesign the building to look more like a barn to fit into The neighborhood.

The public meeting was closed. The planning board opened and applied to accept the lead agency. The planning board was closed.

The information requested arrived Thursday after 11AM and set on my desk until Tuesday! Two days before the scheduled mtg.

B) February 25<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

### **Complaints: (In Process)**

1. Holland 11703 Hendy Hollow Rd. Junk & Debris

Note: This is the first Order to Remedy written on the computer. After I am Able to put the constants in, it is going to be much faster.

### **General Notes:**

1. Randy Klaver wants to build on Harrison Rd.(the seasonal portion) and Marilyn Claims it is an unbuildable lot. I called Pat Moore (surveyor) and also asked Avonne To find the minutes of the planning board.. Pat Moors thought that it could be reached from Hurd Road and therefore could be built on it. After looking at the tax maps- No! In the minutes of the planning board dtd. April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2008, it was declared an unbuildable lot until such time as the four owners would pay to bring the road up to Caton Standards. It is presently only a seasonal road and only an uninhabitable building can be built on these lots. This means no heat, electric, running water or septic systems is allowed. I e-mailed him back with this information. He just wants to build a shed to store his tractor and some tools.
2. In setting up the informational mtg. with Corning Natural Gas, I made up 18 packets to send to the board members, planning and zoning board members and The town attorney.
3. Before setting up the meeting, I called Donna Hatch, County Real Property Tax Dept. to find out if Crystal Valley Farms can be leased or sold without Going threw a sub-division (The 51 Acres). She said a sub-division had been Filed but is still listed under one tax map number until they are sold. Then it Will be changed.
4. I also talked with the town attorney, Kent Woloson, who said the meeting is Only an informational meeting –**NO DECISIONS CAN BE MADE AND THE TIME TABLE DOES NOT START.**
5. Kate Hughes, Town Supervisor, said that the town will hire and Engineer.
6. Lorenzo and Margaret King have merged their properties into one parcel.
7. Person called about posting occupancy signs, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, panic bars on the front entrance doors and etc. at the Caton UMC. I told him I would pursue these requests after Pastor Beth gets back on her feet and Takes over her duties.
8. Jennifer Fais explained how I could go to Caton's web site and determine what Zone a parcel was located in. I want to say what a big help she has been since I Came to work at Caton. Thank you!

9. Set up a special planning board meeting to hear Gregory Mor5ock/Ronald Jankowski's sub-division on March 11<sup>th</sup>. I felt I could not charge him again Since we asked him to go to the ZBA in the first place.
10. It has been reported to me that the Harvey's have moved back into Mr. Braster's rental house that I condemned last October. I will check and find out.
11. Received a call from the shop Forman of Manck Energy (the old bus barns) That they have moved to Williamsport and have been brought out by Weatherford Co. He claims that they left a lot of contamination at the site. 1. They dumped the grey water from the trailers on the pads; 2. Ran paint and chemical residue Down the drains in the shop; 3. cleaned and dumped residue left from the sep- Erators used to clean up the chemical's from the gas wells in Pa. on the ground At the far end of the blue shop  
I have called Kate and the town attorney for advice on how to handle it. At the present time we are playing phone tag.
12. Arda's at 11206 Tannery Ck. Rd. brought in paperwork for their pellet stove that was in the house when they bought it. It had not been inspected and asked if I would inspect it and issue a Certificate of Compliance for it. After reading it over I called and told them that I didn't have the experience to check pellet stoves But I would find someone who did and would set up an appointment. They Agreed. After several calls an arranged to have Doug Wicks (Town of Erwin Building Inspector) do the inspection. It will be in March.
12. Have had several calls asking for information about permits. Looks to be another Busy season.
13. Spent part of 12 days and 60 hours in Caton this month.

Respectfully submitted;

Donald D. Miller, CEO Town of Caton

**TOWN OF CATON  
Code Enforcement Report**

**November 2010**

**Permits**

- 11-09-10 2010-0040 Lane, R. 391.00-01-030.111 1206 Red School Road 10 x 32 ft. Amish running shed \$1800**
- 11-09-10 2010-0041 Marsh, L. 425.00-03-018.111 10366 Browntown Rd. 80 x 150 ft Riding Arena \$130,000**
- 11-16-10 2010-0042 Peckham, T. 409.00-01-043.115 Riley Hill Rd. Renewal of Permit No. 2009-50. Pole Barn.**
- 11-29-10 2010-0043 Thrall, D. 425.00-03-002.000 10567 Browntown Rd. Septic System. \$20,100.**

**Inspections**

- 11-01 to 11-29-10 Compressor plant - 16 trips for inspections ranging from concrete footers, foundations and floors for bumpouts to erecting the entire steel framing of the main building, driving piles for the placement of the racks to support the gas pipes.**
- 11-1 to 11-29-10 Marsh, L. 12 trips for inspections of footers, foundations, post holes, framing & placing of trusses for a arena and septic system.**

**Lane, R. 2010-0032 Septic System Passed CC Issued**

- 11-03-10 Sylva's Dblwide Still there however looks vacated.**
- 11-08-10 Hiney, J. 2010-0035 Garage Ceiling & 2 doors of 3 installed**
- 11-15-10 Narby, K. 2010-0038 Dblwide both sections on pad**

- 11-18-10 Fribie, J. 2010-0020 Garage & full bath Final Passed  
CC Issued**
- 11-18-10 Gridley, D. 2010-0028 Garage Framing including the  
Trusses passed**
- 11-22-10 Nabby, K. 2010-0038 Dblwide Sections attached &  
Piers installed. Passed**
- 11-22-10 Gridley, D. 2010-0028 Garage Stairs framed Failed  
No railing.**
- 11-22-10 Bartlett, D. 2010-0034 Garage Final Failed No doors**
- 11-22-10 Moore, K. 2010-0019 Modular Home Final siding in  
progress.**
- 11-29-10 Thrall, D. 2010-0043 Septic System Location Passed**

### **Complaints**

**Same as last month with the exception that two will be going to court**

### **Meetings**

**Planning Board Sub Division and Zoning update**

**Sub Division – Marsh, L. 10366 Browntown Rd. Failed The side  
Boundaries did not meet zoning requirements.**

### **General Notes**

- 1. The compressor station is moving along. Compressors, Fans, Air  
And Noise filters are in place. The steel framing for the main  
building is up. The pilings have been driven and most of the steel  
racks are in place for the gas piping.**
- 2. I have been assigned to go to the Fire Academy at Montour Falls to  
Take the code UPDATE COURSE on Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.. It is an 8  
Hour course.**



- 3. Mr. Ellis came in concerned about selling his trailer. It seems That the buyer brought in a home inspector who told him his Piers were not up to code and the buyer also brought in a contractor to replace them for \$18000 dollars. He told me he had them replaced two years ago by a certified mechanic,( Keith Pond ), who installed ABS Pads witch are no longer accepted and were not accepted at the time they were installed. He also did not have a permit to do the work. I called Charlie Bliss who suggested that he might be able to get an engineer to certify that they are adequate. I suggested either Hunt or Fagan Engineers. Again, this points out the importance of getting a permit before any construction is done. We have had problems with Mr. Pond in the past. I also suggested that he get some other estimates for the job if the engineer doesn't work out.**
- 4. I have spent part of 19 days and 75 hours in Caton this month.**

**Respectfully submitted;**

**Donald D. Miller, CEO – Town of Caton**

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**Code Enforcement Officers Report**  
**December 2010**

**PERMITS**

12-16-10	2010-0044	372.00-02-052.000	Smith, B&L	1637 Thurber Rd. 18x14ft. addition \$30,000
12-21-10	2010-045	425.00-03-018.111	Marsh, L&T	10366 Browntown Rd 30x50ft. home w/30x30ft. attached garage \$190,000
12-21-10	2010-046	371.00-03-028.112	Deneka,D&J	10616 Richards Rd. fireplace insert \$4500

**INSPECTIONS**

1. CNG Compressor Plant - Installing purlins on main bldg; 3 sides of MCC Bldg. complete; pilings have been cut off and plates welded on to erect framework to install piping on.
2. Marsh Arena – Metal roofing has been installed and siding has been started.
3. Gridley Garage – Trusses installed and roof sheathing started; 2 dormers are being framed.
4. CNG Compressor Plant – Continuing purlins on main bldg; framework for piping continuing.
5. CNG Compressor Plant – Now installing vertical supports for the purlins.
6. Marsh Arena – All four sides enclosed.
7. CNG Compressor Plant – Starting to install soundproofing on back wall; note: there are two layers 3 to 4 inches thick of a fibrous material with each layer seams mismatched with a double sided tape over the metal where the metal siding attaches to the building to prevent any transmission of any sound.
8. Marsh Arena – They have poured the basement and garage floors.
9. CNG Compressor Plant – Still on back wall installing siding.
10. Smith Addition – Started excavation for footings; gravel and dumpster has been delivered.
11. CNG Compressor Plant – The pipe racks are built.
12. Solka, F. – Permit No. 2008-20 a1`6 x24 ft. single story addition located at 11176

- Church Creek Rd. Final Passed Certificate of Compliance Issued.**
- 13. CNG Compressor Plant – Met with RC Holmes and foreman of Talisman. They are a little behind due to weather.**
  - 14. Marsh House – Permit No.2010-045 House 1<sup>st</sup> floor has been framed and deck attached. Furring strips on ceiling were being installed on the ceiling.**
  - 15. Deneka, D. Permit No. 2010-046 Fireplace Insert looks good, chimney piping installed and working. A metal insert from the top of the insert to the top of the existing fireplace opening was missing. The contractor is having it made and is to be installed tomorrow.**
  - 16. Smith Addition – Installing wooden foundation. Treated lumber and plywood, I am concerned about the nails. He is to save the box that they came in for me to check.**
  - 17. Marsh Home – Electrician installing rough wiring. I have is business card. Walls framed. Garage floor cracked.**
  - 18. CNG Compressor Plant working on side of main building installing metal siding.**
  - 19. Smith Addition – Wooden foundation complete ; 60 pound felt and wire mesh attached on the outside of forms for plaster. 2x 12's 16 inches o.c. floor joist installed with lvl installed for center girder. Saw no cross bracing.**

## **MEETINGS**

**Planning Board – 12-2-10 Special meeting to consider Marsh Sub Division to allow A house and Horse Arena to be built on their 13 plus acres. Failed to pass! One corner of the building was within 8 feet of the lot line and should be at least 50 ft from it. Since there is a time line on this project the planning board and Zoning Board of Appeals agreed to meet jointly on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Of December to reexamine it. In the meantime, they will resurvey The right boundary line to meet the 50 ft requirement.**

**ZBA and Planning Board – 12-15-10 ZBA met and approved the variance for the 8ft And adjourned. Planning Board met and approved the sub division and adjourned.**

## **ORDERS TO REMENDY**

- 1. One will be going to court**
- 2. One is extended due to weather**

## **GENERAL NOTES**

- 1. I was sick most of December with a cold and sore throat.**
- 2. On Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. The phones at the town hall were not working and I left and worked at home.**

- 3. On Friday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. I took the mandated CODE UPDATE COURSE for the new 12010 Code at the Fire Academy. It was an 8 hour course with a test at the end. I passed. The state is now sending all certificates by e-mail. Cost was \$33.00.**
- 4. There was some discussion with the ZBA members that the arena needed 7 acres instead of 2 because of the horses. I explained that no hordes were being boarded at the arena – all boarding will be done on the remaining 10 plus acres.**
- 5. I learned this month that if a building is built in an AG Zoned District and is used to store farm equipment or supplies, it is classed as a farm related and the cost of the permit is only \$10.00.**
- 6. I spent part of 15 days and 57 hours in Caton this month.**

**Respectively Submitted;**

**Donald D. Miller, CEO Town of Caton**