



Planning Board

TOWN OF POESTENKILL

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PLANNING BOARD December 6, 2016 Minutes (Distributed before approval)

Attendees:

Judy Grattan, Chairwoman
Robert Dore
William Daniel
Harvey Teal
Jeffrey Briggs
Don Heckelman
Tom Russell
Steve Valente, Alternate
Robert Ryan, Attorney

Chairwoman Grattan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting on November 1, 2016 were reviewed, motion by Member Briggs to accept as written, seconded by Member Daniel, 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Public Comment Period

There being no comments from the public, the public comment period was closed.

Advisory Opinion: Van Vleck Area Variance, 28 Furry Road

Chairwoman Grattan reviewed the project – request by Owner to allow construction of a storage shed in a Residential Zone with a front setback of twenty-seven (27) feet, where fifty (50) feet is minimum setback required and a side setback of five (5) feet, where the minimum side setback is twenty-five (25) feet. Discussion among Members included, but was not limited to, use for shed large size, reminder that adjacent parcel can not be built on, etc. Confirming there are no Planning Board issues, Chairwoman Grattan directed a memo be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals stating that the Planning Board had reviewed application and finds no Planning Board issues.

Old Business – Solar Farms:

Chairwoman Grattan advised the Members that Town Supervisor, Dominic Jacangelo, has requested an informal meeting with the Chairs of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss this issue. Member Daniel feels such discussions will only delay the actual work of developing definitions, establishing requirements, etc. Member Daniel further

advised the Board that other neighboring municipalities are currently addressing the issue and suggested having definitions, etc. in place prior to the aforementioned meeting. Attorney Robert Ryan advised Board that there is a new NYS Law governing “electric generating facilities” at a capacity of 25 megawatts or greater. Member Briggs brought forth a series of definitions of size dimensions for consideration:

1. Small scale – 12kw or less, for residential use, requiring only building permit;
2. Medium scale – 10kw to 200 kw, commercial/agriculture/residential, used on-site and sold off-site as 2nd income stream;
3. Large scale – greater than 200kw, Special Use Permit, off-site customers/grid, decommissioning of concern.

After further discussion of what types of issue should be addressed, Chairwoman Grattan suggested Members continue their work in assembling their thoughts, questions and concerns in preparation for the upcoming meeting with Supervisor Jacangelo.

Organizational Items:

Chairwoman Grattan distributed the 2016 Planning Board training worksheet, explaining what hours would be carried over to 2017 and reminded the Members of the Annual Mandatory Training.

Having consulted with Member Daniel and Alternate Valente regarding their expiring terms on the Planning Board, Chairwoman Grattan made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to 1) appoint William Daniel as a Member of the Planning Board with a term of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2023 and 2) appoint Steve Valente as Alternate of the Planning Board with a term of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Motion was seconded by Member Teal, motion passed with seven (7) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. Further, Chairwoman polled the Board for Member to assume Chair position for January 1, 2017, and finding none, directed a memo be sent to the Town Board saying such.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Briggs, seconded by Chairwoman Grattan, and approved by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn E. Kane
Planning Board Clerk