

Planning Board ★★★★★★★★★★★★



Chair Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM. Other Planning Board Members in attendance were Vice Chair David Fusillo, Victor Costanza, James Digristina, Jean Finster, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge. Absent was Michael Ritter. Other Town officials present were Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Councilmen Eric Kane, Joseph Juliano and Rodney Dodge, Clerk Jeffrey Dingman, ZBA Chairman Ronald J. Beach, Jr., and Bette Szesny, who served as Recording Secretary. Absent was Codes Officer Philip Green (who was attending mandated Codes Officer Training).

Also attending were Nancy Vlahos (TRC Solutions) and Chet McLaughlin (SunEast), as well as several Town residents.

Chair Donna Salamone led the assembled persons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES — MARCH 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by Victor Costanza to approve the above referenced meeting minutes as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Bette Szesny who serves as Training Coordinator for the Town's annual Regional Planning/Zoning Training Seminar, announced this year's training is scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 2nd, will again feature Robert Freeman, CEO, NYS Committee on Open Government for Part I, followed by Part II, featuring "An Overview on Drones for Municipal Officials" presented by CNY Drones, to include a hands-on exhibit and live demonstrations.

PRESENTATION BY SUN-EAST — RE: SOLAR FARM PROJECT

Nancy Vlahos, assisted by Chet McLaughlin, provided a presentation on the approximately 20Mw, ac ground-mounted solar farm project slated to begin this summer. A map reflecting the areas and defining the roadways to be incorporated in this 200 acre solar farm was presented. The solar farm will be situated along Watkins and McKennan Roads in Schuyler and on Sokol Road in the Town of Herkimer. The site was selected and the project was designed so as to minimize environmental and visual impacts, with a long-term lease and operational life of 25+ years. The point of interconnection will be the National Grid Watkins Road Substation 258. Single axis tracking solar panels will be installed with 25 to 50-foot setbacks and secured by an 8-ft perimeter fence. Wetlands, forested areas and other sensitive areas will be preserved.

Work completed on the project to date includes an initial environmental analysis with a desktop review of wetlands, waterways, watersheds & flood plains; endangered species, sensitive habitat, and cultural resources. Agency consultations have included US Fish & Wildlife Service; NYS Environmental Resource Mapper; NYS Historical Preservation Office; & NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, as well as the Preliminary Site Plan, with a conceptual layout.

Work in progress includes Phase 1-Environmental Site Assessment; Boundary & Topographic Survey; Engineering; Wetland Delineations; any required cultural resources investigations; SEQR; and Site Plan & Special Use Permit Application.

This concluded the presentation by SunEast.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Planning Board; therefore the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM on a motion offered by James Digristina which was seconded by Daniel Tripoli, when members convened into a Zoning Map Update workshop session, assisted by Councilman/former Town Assessor Eric Kane and Clerk Jeffrey Dingman.

— Bette I. Szesny, Recording Secretary