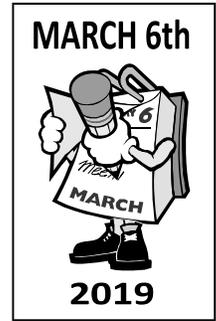


# Planning Board ★★★★★★★★★★



Chair Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM. Planning Board Members in attendance were Vice Chair David Fusillo, Victor Costanza, James Digristina, Jean Finster, Michael Ritter, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge.

Other Town officials present were Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Councilmen Eric Kane and Rodney Dodge, Codes Officer Philip Green, Clerk Jeffrey Dingman, Attorney for the Town of Schuyler Jennifer L. Crisman, Esq., and Bette Szesny, who served as Recording Secretary.

Town resident Richard Finster was also in attendance.

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

## MINUTES - 1/2/19 REGULAR MEETING & 1/10/19 SPECIAL MEETING

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

## SEQR PROCESS FOR ZONING CHANGE: PLANNING BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE OF LEAD AGENCY STATUS

Attorney for the Town Jennifer L. Crisman, Esq. stepped up to the podium to address the Board on the legal process for SEQR with regards to the proposed zoning change from C-H (Commercial-Highway) to P-D (Planned Development) for the 188-acre parcel of vacant farmland on Drive-In Road (Tax I.D. #105.3-3-2) located adjacent to the Schuyler Business Park. She stated proper legal process involves a Resolution of the Planning Board to refer their recommendation for the zoning change to the Town Board for action at their upcoming 3/13/19 Regular Town Board Meeting, which will involve the Town Board's acceptance of the Planning Board's recommendation and setting the date for the required Public Hearing (presumably to be held on May 8, 2019).

Motion by Victor Costanza, seconded by James Digristina to refer the above referenced action to the Town Board for their consideration and action at the upcoming 3/13/2019 Town Board meeting; all in favor as polled by voice vote. Motion carried.

Correspondence directed to the Town Board reflecting the above action was then signed by Chair Donna Salamone and handed to Supervisor Lucenti by the Secretary.

## ZONING MAP REVISIONS

In the absence of County Planning's Mapping Dept. specialist Jeff Quackenbush, Councilman (and former Town Assessor) Eric Kane provided an in-depth synopsis of his meeting with Mr. Quackenbush, when several revisions of the Town's zoning map were recommended.

Mr. Kane advised the Board members these recommendations are suggestions, not mandated changes, and it is the pleasure of the Planning Board to decide whether to act upon any or all recommendations; therefore, he will recues himself from further involvement in this process, though he will remain available on an as-needed basis to offer counsel.

After further discussion, it was also the consensus of the Planning Board that the County Planning Department can only make recommendations; the final decision on this matter is the responsibility of the Planning Board, and should remain so, as who can better judge the will of the people with regard to zoning changes (or no changes) than the Planning Board members, all of whom are residents of the Town.

It was therefore decided to embark on an effort to seek and evaluate residents' opinions on whether any zoning changes are desired or necessary, with a few exceptions, primarily involving areas that involve undesirable issues such as properties that are located in two (or more) zones.

With regard to forming a 3-member committee to address this issue, it was instead decided to include the full board, with workshop meetings held at the conclusion of each Planning Board meeting. Rationale for this decision was based on the realization that Planning Board members reside in a variety of zones; therefore, a well-rounded decision-making process will best be realized with participation of the entire board.

Workshop meetings will commence at the conclusion of the April Regular Planning Board meeting.

**REPORT ON WATER EXTENSION MEETING & SURVEY RESPONSES -BY SUPERVISOR LUCENTI**

Supervisor Lucenti stepped up to the podium to provide his report on the 2/19/19 meeting and the survey responses received to date. He stated there were 19 persons in attendance at this meeting, which went well with a great deal of interest, pro and con, with regard to the possibility of bringing water into some of the currently un-served areas in East Schuyler. He stated 220 surveys were mailed out the following day, and as of this date 104 have been received back; the deadline is 3/11 /19, and then results will be forwarded to the engineer.

**REPORT ON MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Supervisor Lucenti stated Clerk Jeffrey Dingman has been working diligently on updating the Master Plan. It has now been sent to County Planner Kristin Campbell for review, who has recently provided some suggestions/revisions that are currently being implemented. It is anticipated the new master plan will be ready for the Planning Board's final review and adoption by the Town Board in the very near future.

**UPDATE ON STATUS OF GREEN WAVE RECYCLING & SALVAGE**

Attorney for the Town Jennifer Crisman, Esq., stepped up to the podium to address several questions posed by the Planning Board with regard to the current status of Green Wave Recycling & Salvage located at the former Chandler Equipment venue on Route 5 in East Schuyler.

Ms. Crisman stated she has been working diligently with the company and Town officials to resolve the lingering issue of a performance bond that will adequately protect the interests of the Town. She said the hold-up in resolving this matter has been due to the apparent unavailability of an underwriter who offers a bond that meets the Town's requirements; however, she believes progress is being made and a resolution will be forthcoming in the near future.

Questions were posed by several Planning Board members with regard to specifications outlined in the company's application and its approval by the ZBA at the conclusion of their 5/29/18 Public Hearing. The secretary will provide all Planning Board members with copies of the application and minutes of the ZBA Public Hearing and 1/9/19 Special Meeting.

There was no further business to come before the planning Board; therefore, Chair Donna Salamone adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

— Bette I. Szesny, Recording Secretary

**— APRIL 3, 2019 MEETING AGENDA ITEMS —**

- ☆ SCHEDULED PRESENTATION BY MIKE BECKNER, SUN-EAST DEVELOPMENT  
RE: UPDATE ON GRANT AWARD FOR SOLAR FARM PROJECT IN EAST SCHUYLER**
- ☆ FOLLOWING THE MEETING, THE PLANNING BOARD WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP  
SESSION RE: ZONING MAP UPDATE**