

GREENE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of March 20, 2019 Meeting

Attendance was taken at 6:30 PM. Members present and absent were:

Present:

Elizabeth Hansen, Cairo
Cynthia LaPierre, Jewett
Erik Allan, Ashland
Arnie Cavallaro, Greenville
Jean Horn, New Baltimore
Mitchell Smith, Catskill V.
Carl Giangrande, Hunter V
Thomas Poelker, Windham
Eva Atwood, Catskill T
Lee McGunnigle, Tannersville V
Richard Golden, Coxsackie V
Jerry Cunningham, Durham

Absent:

Jennifer Cawein, Lexington
Peter Alberti, Athens V
Anthony Paluch, Athens T
Bruce Haeussler, Coxsackie T
Jim Dymond, Prattsville

Also in attendance were Karl Heck of the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning, and Andrew Dale, the appointed representative of the Town of Hunter who will be seated by the County next month.

I. Election of Officers

The first item of business was the election of officers for 2019. As per the rules, the Chairman resigned the position and Karl Heck, acting as Secretary, opened the floor to nominations for Chairman. Arnie Cavallaro nominated and Tom Poelker seconded the nomination of Erik Allan to become Chairman. Jerry Cunningham then Moved and Lee McGunnigle seconded closing nominations from the floor. Mr. Allan was unanimously voted in as Chairman.

Arnold Cavallaro then nominated Jim Dymond for Vice-Chair. Carl Giangrande seconded, and Mr. Dymond's nomination was approved unanimously. Beth Hansen then nominated Karl Heck for Secretary. Mitchell Smith seconded, and Mr. Heck's nomination was approved unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were Moved by Carl Giangrande, seconded by Cynthia LaPierre and approved unanimously.

III. Planning and Zoning Referrals

19-11: Town of Jewett, Approve with Comments: Site Plan/Subdivision Approval for a parcel at 10071 Route 23A in the Town of Jewett. The subdivision, including the use of a private cemetery, was approved, but there were questions on the site plan involving the current and future siting of well and septic. The approval was Moved by Mr. Cavallaro, seconded by Mr. Cunningham and approved unanimously.

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approve the referral in question. An approval does not indicate that the County Planning Board has reviewed all local concerns; it indicates that the referral has met certain countywide considerations. Evaluation of local criteria is the responsibility of the referring agency.

19-10: Town of Catskill, Local Decision: Area Variance regarding the construction of a garage at 36 Malden Avenue in Palenville was returned to the Town as a Local Decision. The motion was Moved by Mr. Cavallaro, seconded by Mr. McGunnigle, and approved unanimously.

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19-09: Town of Catskill, Local Decision: The site plan regarding the conversion of a single family residence to a design studio at 3292 Route 23A in Palenville, with a renovation of an existing barn and addition of a 40'x60' garage-like building was referred back to the municipality as a Local Decision. The motion was Moved by Mr. Cavallaro, seconded by Mr. Poelker, and approved unanimously with the abstention of Mr. Smith.

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19-12: Town of Hunter: Approve: The referral of the Town's Comprehensive Plan was briefly discussed. The Plan was continued a precursor to a potential zoning law in the Town, and also as a necessary tool in order for the Town to receive more grant funding. The motion was Moved by Mr. Giangrande, seconded by Mr. Golden and approved unanimously.

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19-13: Village of Tannersville: Tabled: The variance for a front-yard fence at 5908 Main Street in the Village of Tannersville was Tabled after a short discussion at the recommendation of Mr. McGunnigle, the Tannersville representative. Mr. McGunnigle said that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has to give an approval for the fence, and that County Planning Board action was premature. The Motion was Moved by Ms. Atwood, seconded by Mr. Poelker and approved unanimously, with Mr. McGunnigle abstaining.

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IV. Spring Planning Seminar

Karl Heck said that as usual, the Greene County Spring Planning Seminar will be held on Wednesday, June 12th from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building in Cairo. Mr. Heck asked if there were topics that the Planning Board wishes to be covered for the Spring Planning Seminar. Topics suggested include a SEQR/239 review refresher course, a seminar on solar farms/batteries/panels, and State policies and procedures, including the declaration of Lead Agency.

V. Other Topics

Information was circulated on the Watershed Summit and Catskill Watershed Day, both of which offer opportunities for Planning Board credit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

Karl Heck
Secretary