



GREENE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of September 18, 2019 Meeting

Board Orientation for two new Board members 6:00 PM

Attendance was taken at 6:30 PM.

Present:

- Anthony Paluch, Athens T
- Cynthia LaPierre, Jewett
- Erik Allan, Ashland
- George Deckers, Durham
- Jean Horn, New Baltimore
- Carl Giangrande, Hunter V
- Thomas Poelker, Windham
- Richard Golden, Coxsackie V
- Andrew Dale, Hunter T
- Bruce Haeussler, Coxsackie T
- Jennifer Cawein, Lexington
- Eva Atwood, Catskill T
- Jim Dymond, Prattsville
- Lee McGunnigle, Tannersville V
- Stephen Bradicich, Athens V

Absent:

- Arnie Cavallaro, Greenville
- Elizabeth Hansen, Cairo
- Mitchell Smith, Catskill V.

**Greene County
Economic Development,
Tourism & Planning**

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Catskill, New York 12414

Warren Hart
Director



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BUSINESS**

Also in attendance was Richard Schiafo of the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning.

1. Roll Call

There is a quorum of members – see above.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the August 21 17, 2019 meeting.

Motion: Jim Dymond
Second: Richard Golden
Vote: Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

3. Education and Training Opportunities

Recognizing Habitats Field Workshops – DEC Hudson River Estuary Program

Two outdoor field workshops for municipal officials and land trust staff to increase their ability to recognize and evaluate major habitat types. The events are free-of-charge but registration is required. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Municipal training certificates will be available.

Friday, 20 September 2019, 2:00-5:00pm (rain date September 27)

Orange County (in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County)
Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, Cornwall, NY \

Registration: Contact Nate Nardi-Cyrus at nate.nardi-cyrus@dec.ny.gov or 845-256-3062 Sept 16 or, you may register online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHFGYGL

Fall Local Government Workshop, Capital District Regional Planning Commission/ New York Planning Federation, Wednesday, October 23, 2019, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy <https://cdrpc.org/event/fall-workshop>



Natural Resource Inventory for Greene County

October 29, 2019 Training Session, 6:30PM Greene County IDA Conference Room, 270 Mansion Street, Coxsackie.
November 16, 2019, 6:30PM Public Information Session, Agro-Forestry Center, Acra

Fall Planning Training, Columbia County Community College, tentatively the week of November 18, 2019

The New York Planning Federation Annual Conference, 2020 Annual Conference

April 19 – 21, 2020, Sagamore Resort, Bolton Landing, NY <https://nypf.org/annual-conference/>

4 Business Items

New Member Introductions

Stephen Bradicich, Village of Athens, George Deckers, Town of Durham, Round of Introductions

Planning and Zoning Referral Letter

As decided at August 2019 meeting a letter was sent to each municipality regarding the referral process and a request to adhere to the submittal of referrals 12-days prior to the Greene County Planning Board meeting held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards

Memo was distributed regarding award nomination due October 31, with awards to be given in November

5. Community Reports

Village of Tannersville has applied for and still in the running, one of top three for Capital Region Downtown Revitalization Initiative Funding.

6. Planning Department Reports

A. Environmental Notice Bulletin and Grant Opportunities

ENB Region 4 Completed Applications 08/21/2019

Applicant: NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

Facility: Hunter Brook off Spructon Rd (Co Rte 6) Lexington, NY

Application ID: 4-1940-00244/00001

Permit(s) Applied for: Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification

Project Description:

This project involves the installation of 6 boulder riffles and 2 log boulder revetments to improve instream aquatic habitat for Brook Trout along 1,200 linear feet of Hunter Brook and on lands owned by the State of New York and managed by the Department. The project will also involve 4,563 cubic yards of stone fill, along with 11 root wads. There will be no excavation within the bed and banks of Hunter Brook and no tree cutting is proposed. The project is located off Spructon Road in the Town of Lexington, Greene County.

SPDES Permit Renewal: Region 4 Greene County

Applicant: Town of Windham 371 St Rte 296 PO Box 96 Hensonville, NY 12439 -0096

Facility Name: Windham Wastewater Treatment Facility

Facility Address: 491 South St, Co Rte 12 & St Rte 23 Windham, NY 12496

Application ID: 4-1946-00114/00001

Permit(s) Applied for: Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Municipal SPDES - Surface Discharge

Project Description: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is proposing a renewal modification to the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit NY0022935, a new five-year term is proposed

The permit includes updated forms and the latest general conditions. Details of changes are specified in the [draft permit and fact sheet/statement of basis](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6054.html) which may be viewed and printed from the Department web site at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6054.html>

Opportunity for Public Comment: Comments on this project must be submitted in writing no later than Oct 11, 2019.

Contact: Teresa Diehsner, NYSDEC Headquarters
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233
(518)402-9167, DEPermitting@dec.ny.gov

B. Staff Reports

1. 8 year Ag District

A. Meetings

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board meeting October 2, 2019, 7PM

Public Information Session October 10, 2019

Both at the Agroforestry Center, Acra.

B. Landowner and Municipal survey

Postcards have gone out to all landowners in Ag District 124 notifying them of the 8 year review. Each landowner will be receiving a worksheet/survey regarding their current farm operation. A survey will also be send to each municipality regarding the extent to which local comprehensive plans, policies and objectives are consistent with and support the district and the degree of coordination between local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that apply to farm operations in the district and their influence on farming.

2. Athens Rezoning

The County has received information from the Town of Athens regarding lead agency status for Town of Athens rezoning for Flint Mine solar.

County Referrals

Tom Poelker, Windham raised a question/concern of the responsibility for 239 referrals to the County. An individual representing a client for a site plan review in the Town of Windham was present for the second month in a row anticipating that the site plan referral had been made to the County. The County Board was informed that the Windham Planning Board Chair forgot to submit a referral the County. The County has not received any referrals from the Town of Windham and therefore had nothing to consider. The referral officer designation is the responsibility of the municipality.

Planning and Zoning Referrals

- **19-37 Village of Tannersville Leach Driveway**

RE: Site Plan Review – NYS RT 23A ROW

The Board finds this action is of local concern. However, in reviewing the project, the following non-binding comments are offered that are technical in nature on relevant planning and zoning issues:

The parcel is in a flood hazard area, within the 100-year flood plain and riparian buffer zone for Allen Brook, Class C (TS) (Trout Spawning). The Brook is not identified on the Site Plan as required by the Village Site Plan Law.

Flood Hazard Area is defined as the area that will be inundated by the flood event having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The 1-percent annual chance flood is also referred to as the base flood or 100-year flood. However, the intensity of climate and weather related storm impacts are being seen more frequently.

Use of gravel or permeable pavers is recommended being proposed driveway is proposed for a flood hazard area.

Motion: Jennifer Cawein

Second: Cynthia LaPierre

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 1 Lee McGunnigle

- **19-38 Village of Tannersville – Sal Pizza**

RE: Site Plan Review – NYS RT 23A/County Highway 23C ROW

No County Impact: Local Decision

The Board finds this action is of local concern with no county impact.

Motion: Thomas Poelker

Second: Richard Golden

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 1 Lee McGunnigle

- **19-39 Village of Tannersville – Katterskill United Methodist Church Rain Garden**

RE: Site Plan Review – NYS RT 23A ROW

The Board finds this Site Plan application is incomplete lacking a clear determination of whether or not rain garden is in the right-of-way. Once the Site Plan is determined to be complete at the local level it should be resubmitted to the County Planning Board.

- **19-40 Village of Tannersville –McGunnigle/Nadaland**

RE: Site Plan Review – NYS RT 23A ROW

No County Impact: Local Decision

The Board finds this action is of local concern with no county impact.

Motion: Thomas Poelker

Second: Jim Dymond

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 1 Lee McGunnigle

- **19-41 Village of Tannersville – McGlinthy Solar**

RE: Site Plan Review – NYS RT 23A ROW

No County Impact: Local Decision

The Board finds this action is of local concern with no county impact.

Motion: Bruce Haeussler

Second: Thomas Poelker

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 1 Lee McGunnigle

- **19-42 Village of Tannersville , Leach Addition**

RE: Site Plan Review – NYS RT 23A ROW

No County Impact: Local Decision

The Board finds this action is of local concern with no county impact.

Motion: Richard Golden

Second: Cynthia LaPierre

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 1 Lee McGunnigle

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 16, 2019

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Richard Golden

Second: Lee McGunnigle

Vote: Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Richard Schiafo, Secretary