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GREENE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of May 20, 2020 Meeting
Held via Zoom

Attendance was taken at 4:30 PM.

Present:

- Elizabeth Hansen, Cairo
- Cynthia LaPierre, Jewett
- Erik Allan, Ashland
- Mitchell Smith, Catskill V.
- Eva Atwood, Catskill T
- Anthony Paluch, Athens T
- Jennifer Cawein, Lexington
- Carl Giangrande, Hunter V
- Bob VanValkenburg, Coxsackie V
- Bruce Haeussler, Coxsackie T
- Jean Horn, New Baltimore
- Jim Dymond, Prattsville

Absent:

- Stephen Bradicich, Athens V
- Lee McGunnigle, Tannersville V
- Arnie Cavallaro, Greenville
- Andrew Dale, Hunter T
- Thomas Poelker, Windham

Also in attendance was Rich Schiafo of the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning and Mark Gustavson, KATHODERAY (managing Zoom and YouTube)

1. Roll Call

There is a quorum of members – see above.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting. (Note March and April meetings were canceled due to COVID19 pandemic)

Motion: Anthony Paluch
Second: Cynthia LaPierre
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

3. Education and Training Opportunities

NYS Department of State Local Government Training Program is hosting a series of webinars that can be used to get training credits.

Two upcoming sessions

Comprehensive Planning

May 27, 3 – 5 pm

Register at:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/k2/j.php?MTID=t129b8e04d05ebbc2bc5757fe64bd522f>

Blight

June 10, 3 – 5 pm

Register at:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/k2/j.php?MTID=t0f076f7431f1b8738f205783ad107d6d>

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'Training for Planning Officials' scheduled for Thursday May 28, 2020, 5:00pm-9:00pm, Cairo has been cancelled due to COVVID19 pandemic

Alternatively, Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning and Columbia County Planning in cooperation with New York Department of State Local Government Services will be holding two planning webinars in June for county and local planning officials.

Session One: Short Term Rentals

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2020 , 3:00 pm

To register Go to:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/k2/j.php?MTID=te2c54f54d3084b62b2c3ea36e90202f2>

Once you are approved by the host, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.

Session 2: Topic: Spot Zone or Grant the Illegal Use Variance

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020

Time: 3:00 pm

To register go to:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/k2/j.php?MTID=t35e2dbe638e9fc3d2df0c47e397a52af>

Once you are approved by the host, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.

Hudson River Estuary Conservation and Land Use 101 Webinar Series

[Best Practices for Local Environmental Reviews \(Click here to register\)](#)

Wednesday, June 17, 12-1pm

Reviews and approvals of most land development and subdivision projects are carried out at the local level by municipal planning boards and zoning boards of appeal. This webinar will address how to obtain natural resource information for a site, techniques for map interpretation, and effective ways to incorporate conservation principles for significant habitats, wildlife, and water resources into those reviews. Building a collaborative relationship between the reviewing agency and the applicant from the earliest stage of project planning can lead to a speedier review process and improve project outcomes. Presenter: Gretchen Stevens, Hudsonia Ltd.

Previous webinar recordings and slides are made available after the events

at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5094.html#Training>.

4. Business Items

Reappointments

Bob VanValkenburg, Village of Coxsackie has taken Richard Golden's place on the County Planning Board - Welcome Bob!

George Deckers, Town of Durham has resigned from the Town Board and hence from the County Planning Board. Durham has not reappointed a replacement.

Elections for County Planning Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Chair:

Nomination : Erik Allan*

Nominated by: Jennifer Cawein

Second: Anthony Paluch
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

Note: Conditionally on formal reappointment of Erik by Town of Ashland to County Planning Board.

Vice Chair

Nomination : Jim Dymond
Nominated by: Anthony Paluch
Second: Jennifer Cawein
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

Secretary

Nomination : Rich Schiafo
Nominated by: Jennifer Cawein
Second: Bruce Haeussler
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse

5. Planning and Zoning Referrals

20-12: Town of Durham Comprehensive Plan Update

Description: Comprehensive Plan Update
Location/Address: Town of Durham
Parcel ID: Town of Durham
Type of Referral: Comprehensive Plan Update
Referring Agency: Town of Durham
Reason for Referral: Comprehensive Plan Update

Staff Recommendation: Local Decision with Comments

Plan is vague. Town used to have a Planning Board. Up to the Town if they want to move forward with a Town Planning Board. Town Board currently acts as Planning Board. Planning and development of hamlets needs to be considered in overall planning and development of Town.

Motion Local Decision with Comments as submitted by staff: Elizabeth Hansen

Second: Carl Giangrande
Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

20-15: Town of Catskill

Description: Placement of 4' wide freestanding sign
Location/Address: 1147 Main St Leeds (Murphy's Law Public House)
Parcel ID: 138.10-4-3.1
Type of Referral: Area Variance: 3' front, 3' side, 20' rear variance
Referring Agency: Town of Catskill Zoning Board
Reason for Referral: NYS RT 23 ROW
Acreage: 6.0 (in total with parcel on other side of Gilfeather Park Rd)
Zoning: GC – General Commercial
Agricultural District: No

Staff Recommendation: No County Impact, Local Decision

Motion: No County Impact, Local Decision: Jennifer Cawein
Second: Jim Dymond

Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

Final Action Reported

20-7: Town of Catskill, Front Yard Setback, Placement of Shed

Final Action Form

Note that once a local Planning Board takes a 'Final Action' on an application that was referred to the county, the referring agency should complete and submit a 'Final Action' form to close the process on the referral. The 'Final Action' form will also be updated and made into a fillable PDF.

Next Meeting

Wednesday June 17, 2020, 4:30pm (to be held via Zoom again, unless otherwise notified)

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Carl Giangrande

Second: Jennifer Cawein

Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Richard Schiafo, Secretary