



GREENE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of August 18, 2021 Meeting
6:30PM

Meeting convened at 6:33 PM.

Present:

Cynthia LaPierre, Jewett
Jennifer Cawein, Lexington
Lee McGunnigle, Tannersville V
Carl Giangrande, Hunter V
Bruce Haeussler, Coxsackie T
Kiley Thompson, Durham
Orloff Bear, Greenville
Jim Dymond, Prattsville
Mitchell Smith, Catskill V.
Nancy Poylo, Athens V.
Anthony Paluch, Athens T

Absent:

Elizabeth Hansen, Cairo
Doug Senterman, Hunter T.
Jean Horn, New Baltimore
Thomas Poelker, Windham
Robert VanValkenburg, Coxsackie V
Eva Atwood, Catskill T

Also in attendance:

Rich Schiafo, Greene County Dept of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning

1. Roll Call

There is a quorum of members (11) – see above.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the July 21, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Mitchell Smith

Second: Bruce Haeussler

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

3. Planning Department Reports

Nominations are being sought for Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards. Nomination information has been distributed to County Legislators, local officials and the media.

2 nominations have been received to date:

Foreland, Durham Connects

Nominations will be accepted through September 10, 2021. An on-line form as a fillable PDF is available on the County web site at:

<https://www.greeneconomy.com/departments/planning-and-economic-development/greene-county-planning-board/ellen-rettus-planning-achievement-awards>

4. Business Items

5. Education and Training Opportunities

Training opportunities are limited for the remainder of the summer. *Southern Tier West* recently announced their fall training series. Both DOS and the Hudson River Estuary program trainings are taking a break until the fall. Recorded on-line trainings are available at:

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Southern Tier West Fall Planning & Zoning Training Webinars series.

To register on-line visit: <https://www.southerntierwest.org/on-line-training.html>

NYS DOS Online Interactive Courses and Recorded Webinars

<https://dos.ny.gov/training-assistance>

Hudson River Estuary Conservation and Land Use Webinar Series

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/120539.html>

New York Planning Federation Recorded Webinars

<https://nypf.org/services/>

Reminder to submit record of trainings to Rich .

Grant Funding

Hudson River Valley Greenway - Greenway Planning and Trails Grants Programs

- *Greenway Planning Grants* are open to municipalities that have adopted a local board resolution to become a designated “Greenway Community” and who do not have a currently open grant in this program.
- *Greenway Compact Grants* are open to municipalities that have adopted an approved Greenway Compact Plan and who do not have a currently open grant in this program.
- *Greenway Trail Grants* are open to municipalities and not-for-profit corporations and who do not have a currently open grant in this program.

Due Dates: Grant applications for all three programs are due on these dates in 2021: May 7, Sep 10, & Nov 8.

Applications, Guidelines, and Scoring Criteria may be found here: <https://hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding>. The applications have been updated from previous years and no older applications will be accepted.

Questions may be directed to grants@hudsongreenway.ny.gov

Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Program

For the implementation of capital projects that apply smart growth principles in communities located wholly or partially within the Catskill Park.

Previously provided funded for:

- comprehensive plans,
- strategic investment plans,
- revision of land use regulations,
- stormwater management plans, and
 - qualified capital improvement projects.

The program seeks to enhance the connection of residents and visitors to the area's exceptional natural resources.

6. Planning and Zoning Referrals

21-42 Hannacroix Solar Facility

Description: Hannacroix Solar Facility 5 MW (AC) ground mounted photovoltaic solar energy generating facility

Location/Address: 12 Railroad Ave W/S of NYS Thruway. E/S of CSX Rail Line South of N Balt. Thruway Service Area

Parcel ID: 5 parcels

Parcel A, Parcel ID: 17.01-3-1

Parcel B, Parcel ID: 17.01-3-5

Parcel C, Parcel ID: 17.03-2-21

Parcel D, Parcel ID: 17.03-2-27

Parcel E, Parcel ID: 17.03-2-5

Type of Referral: Site Plan Review

Referring Agency: New Baltimore Planning Board

Reason for Referral: Thruway ROW, Boundary of state/county land on which a public building is located

Acreage: 110.41 Acres (108.17) (5 adjoining parcels) 38.88 Acres developed

Zoning: Developmental

Agricultural District:

Date of Initial Submittal: 7.16.21

Date Referral Complete: 8.2.21

Recommendation: Local Decision with Comments

There are no significant county impacts and this appears to be a good site for a solar facility, however being that the visual impacts of utility scale solar facilities are of primary concern to many in the county and being the site is within 5 miles of the Hudson River which is a Scenic Area of Statewide Significance it would have been helpful for the visual assessment, as required by the local solar regulations to be submitted as part of this referral for county review.

The EAF submitted also indicates that the site is within the 100 year floodplain however details are not provided.

RE: Endangered or threatened species: The EAF references an "attached Threatened & Endangered Species Habitat Assessment". This was not submitted with the referral and therefore the County Planning Board was unable to review.

It is presumed that the visual assessment, the threatened & endangered species habitat Assessment and requirement such as the decommissioning plan will be reviewed and approved at the local level.

Motion: Local Decision with comments

Motion: Kiley Thompson

Second: Cyndi LaPierre

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

21-44 Poney Lane LLC

Description: Special Use Permit for renovation and conversion of 2 dwellings into 2 family dwellings , renovate both existing buildings to provide (2) 2-Bedroom Apartments per building for a total of 8 bedrooms.

Location/Address: 14 Poney Lane Catskill

Parcel ID: 156.10-1-29

Type of Referral: Special Use Permit

Referring Agency: Town of Catskill Planning Board

Reason for Referral: Rt 385 ROW

Acreage:

Zoning: MR Moderate Density Residential

Agricultural District:

Date of Initial Submittal: 8.11.21

Date Referral Complete: 8.11.21

Recommendation: Approve

Motion: Approve

Motion: Tony Paluch

Second: Carl Giangrande

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

7. Other Business

A referral was submitted by the Town of Greenville regarding a resolution reaffirming County Route 35 and Plattekill Road as a Scenic Byway

A response was sent to Greenville form GCET&P GML 239 requires referrals to the County for adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance or local law that has the affect of zoning. Being this is a Town Resolution we do not believe this needs to be reviewed by the Greene County Planning Board and therefore the referring body may move forward with this action without review by the Greene County Planning Board.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Bruce Haeussler

Second: Carl Giangrande

Vote: Yes: 11 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM

Next Meeting

September 15, 2021 6:30pm, 411 Main Street Catskill.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Schiafo, Secretary