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Colden Planning Board Meeting

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January 19, 2016

Planning Board  
Members Present: John Antkowiak, Frank Hrycik, Walt Kammer,  
Linda Kotlarsz, Peter Newsom, and Rich Sheldon

Excused: George Reinhardt

Also Present: Jesse Hrycik (Councilman) and  
John Kotlarsz (Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer),

The January 19, 2016 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

I. Chairman

Rich motioned to nominate Walt for the 2016 Planning Board Chairman position with a quorum of six members. Linda seconded the motion. During discussion of motion, Walt gave a detailed overview of how he would like the Planning Board to proceed with future business. After discussing the nomination, a vote was taken and five members approved and one member abstained his vote.

II. New Planning Board Member

The Planning Board members welcomed Mr. Peter Newsom.

III. November Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the November minutes and Walt mentioned a correction for the updated progress of the Northern Access. The corrected revision will read: "Walt updated the progress of the Northern Access 2016 project for the Town of Colden and as of November 4<sup>th</sup>, there wasn't any impact in Colden due to the significant changes being related to the compressor station in Pendelton, Niagara County, NY." John motioned to approve the minutes with the revision and Rich second, all were in favor.

IV. Old Business

The Board Members were given an update regarding the Solar Panel project on Irish Rd by John Kotlarsz and Jesse Hrycik, at present there is no action item for the Planning Board.

Walt mentioned the potential safety dangers of having Solar Panels that are attached to a house, and also standalone installations, if there's an emergency for First Responders, EMS, Fire and Police officials. Walt asked Board Members to review the NYS Initiatives dealing with

Solar issues for next month's meeting, and to visit the website: <https://training.ny-sun.ny.gov> for information regarding First Responder Solar PV Training and concerns.

#### V. New Business

Walt mentioned that every year there's a budget set for the Planning Board. The discussion was how to use the funds in the most efficient manner. The funds should be available, for example, for an alternative expert opinion when needed, and for Planning Board Members wanting to attend relevant training sessions which have a fee or travel cost. Walt would also like to start planning for updating Colden's Master Plan (Comprehensive Plan) because nominally it should be updated on a five to seven year cycle. Jesse will mention this topic at the next Town Board Meeting and coordinate with the Planning Board next month.

#### VI. Such other Matters

Jesse mentioned that the mandated safety, air and blood borne disease, and security training for this year might be a two hour long refresher video for anyone who already completed the course last year. There will be more specific details next month. Advance notice will allow the Planning Board members to schedule their time.

Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, Linda second. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett