

Colden Planning Board Meeting

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February 16, 2016

John Antkowiak, Frank Hrycik, Walt Kammer (Chairman),
Linda Kotlarsz, Peter Newsom, George Reinhardt, and
Rich Sheldon

Also Present: John Kotlarsz (Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer)

The February 16, 2016 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

I. Roll Call – All Members were present.

II. Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the January minutes and Rich motioned to approve the minutes and Linda seconded. All were in favor. Frank mentioned that his last name was misspelled and to have it corrected. John questioned why the approved final minutes from previous meetings were still listed as draft on the Town of Colden website, and Walt stated that there's a technical issue with the website. John also mentioned that the October minutes needed to be corrected to read: The Board Members reviewed the August minutes and John mentioned to correct section III. Portable/Temporary Buildings.

III. Old Business

Planning Board Budget for 2017 & 2018:

Walt wanted to clarify that the discussion held last month regarding the Planning Board Budget review is for the years of 2017 and 2018; the 2016 budget has already been set by the Town of Colden.

Solar Panels:

The Board Members discussed solar panels and reviewed with John Kotlarsz the information that he receives from residents requesting a building permit for solar panels. John stated that he can request a site plan along with the building permit. Walt expressed his concern that technical details are missing for First Responders. After the material was reviewed Walt asked the Board Members to think about the best solution for a resident to request solar panels on their property. A code will also need to be enforced to cover all solar panels for all zoning areas. As for the safety issues, First Responders will be asked to put a list together of the information that they would like to have requested from the applicant when applying for solar panels. This will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Dog Kennel:

Walt will check with Jesse if the Town Board has motioned to make any changes to the dog kennel code. This topic will be discussed next month.

Temporary Signs:

The Board Members will make a decision at next month's meeting regarding if there is still an issue with placement for temporary signs (advertising, sales, and political).

Crossing Residential to get to Agricultural Zoning:

Walt mentioned that that he would like the Board to re-visit crossing residential to get to agricultural zoning for roads. John Kotlarsz stated that he talked with the County regarding this issue and has a form and he will give a copy to Walt before the next meeting.

Safety /Hazard Training:

The Safety / Hazard Training may take place in April as a repeated refresher course for anyone who has completed the full course last year.

IV. New Business

Historic District:

The Board Members discussed the benefits of the Historic District and the impact that it has on the Town of Colden. Frank and Rich will look into and will report back to Walt.

B&P Rails to Trails:

The Board Members discussed the B&P Rails to Trails and would like to coordinate to have groups attend a future Planning Board meeting and give an update. The Planning Board would like to hear from groups that are in favor and opposed to the program. After presentations a small 2-3 committee from the Planning Board would give the governing board a status update.

Comprehensive Plan:

The Comprehensive Plan expired in 2002 and Walt would like to have the plan updated. The old master plan didn't include technology updates, and if a budget is set for the Planning Board for 2017-2018 a consultant would be hired to assist with the update.

Additional Topics to Review:

Walt asked the Board Members to think about anything that might have been overlooked and should be review at future meetings. The topic of horses allowed in residential areas came up and it will be reviewed in the future.

Recommended Training Sessions:

Walt asked for recommendations from the Board Members regarding specific formal training that should take place at the Town Hall or nearby. John mentioned a municipal workshop and he will email Walt a list of topics for trainers.

V. Such other Matters

Walt mentioned that the Erie County Tree submission form is due by March 18, 2016 and the forms are available at the Town of Colden.

Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, Linda seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett