Colden Planning Board Meeting

April 26, 2016

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

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

The April 26, 2016 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

I. March Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the March minutes. Rich motioned to approve the minutes and George seconded, all were in favor.

II. Old Business

Straw Man Overview by Chairman

Walt attended a Department of State Solar Planning Board Seminar and shared the updated information with the Planning Board Members. The Board Members discussed the pros and cons of using the recommended NYS Unified Solar Permit (USP) for some installations. Walt will contact the Town of Colden Attorney to discuss the six classifications and possible permit use listed below:

- Residence (Principal) structure mounted (USP)
- Innovative Technology on Principal or Accessory Structures (Building Permit)
- Accessory Structure Mounted (USP)
- Accessory Structure Ground Mounted (USP)
- Large Solar PV Array commercial, brokered, leased, or private (SUP)
- Micro Solar Panels (No Permit Required)

The Planning Board Members would like to require guidelines and property setback requirements. If a Resident has restrictions and needs to receive a waiver from the Zoning Board then the USP will no longer be valid. The Planning Board Members will also like to require a safety data package for First Responders but it will need to be approved by NYSERDA.

Walt will send an initial position stating the Planning Board is all in favor of green energy and micro solar panels. The solar energy topic will be discussed again during the next Planning Board Meeting in May.

Temporary Signs
Temporary Signs was tabled and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Crossing Residential to get to Agricultural Zoning:
Crossing Residential to get to Agricultural Zoning was tabled and will be discussed at next month's meeting. Walt is still waiting to hear back from the County.

Safety /Hazard Training:
The Safety / Hazard Training class will take place on April 27th, 2016.

B&P Rails to Trails:
The B&P Rails to Trails Representatives are not in position to have a public meeting at this time. They asked to wait until 60 – 90 days to schedule a meeting. Walt has a phone number for any Planning Board Member that wants to contact them directly with concerns or questions. Walt is still waiting to hear back from the opposed group.

Municipal Workshop Attendance:
Linda will attend the training session taking place at Houghton College on May 11th and John A. will attend the training session taking place in Pittsford, NY (near Rochester) on May 19th. Peter and Rich will let Walt know if they plan on attending the training sessions in May. Walt would like for the Planning Board Members to select different topics offered in the training sessions and to share their insight during a Planning Board Metering.

Feedback from Chairman's 3/21/16 email about online facilities:
The discussion of using a cloud or having a site to share documents requiring downloads relating to the Planning Board meetings would not be beneficial at this time. The topic was tabled.

General Update for Northern Access:
The update for the Northern Access for the Town of Colden has been delayed by one calendar year. The construction has been delayed until April 2017. Formal letters have been sent out by National Fuel in March informing the Property Owner of the one year delay. The affected Property Owners are allowed to continue to use the land that will be impacted by the Northern Access for this year.

III. New Business

Specific Code Sections:
The Board Members discussed options on how to control the number of animals allowed for different zoning districts. John K. was going to request feedback from Associates in other Towns. Walt will also try to receive guidance regarding the topic.

Update on the Erie County Charter Revision Commission:

Walt attended the public hearing that was held in Clarence, NY regarding the update on the Erie County Charter revision Commission. Walt shared his insight from the public hearing and provided the Planning Board Members with the memorandum and a copy of the proposed County Law that he received from the public hearing. Walt asked the Board Members to review the information before the next meeting.

V. Such other Matters

Nothing was discussed and no one approached the floor with concerns.

George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM, Peter seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett