

Colden Planning Board Meeting

October 17, 2017

Planning Board Frank Hrycik, Walt Kammer (Chairman), Linda Kotlarsz,
Members Present: Peter Newsom, George Reinhardt, Rich Sheldon, and Bobby Walker

Also Present: Jesse Hrycik (Councilman)

The October 17, 2017 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

I. Old Business

September Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the September minutes and Peter motioned to approve the minutes and Linda seconded, all were in favor.

Continued Accessory Structure/Use Discussions

Walt asked Bobby if he received feedback from more Contractors regarding tree house codes. Bobby mentioned that he talked with a Representative from Tree Top Builders and he needs to return the phone call back to Buffalo Tree House. Bobby shared that he asked about codes and masonry foundation when he spoke with Tree Top Builders. Bobby stated that the Representative couldn't confirm if there were any building codes established for tree houses in other areas excluding Colden. Walt stated that he tried looking on the web under the NY Department of State local law filings for tree house codes, and nothing was available which applied to the situation of interest. Linda asked if someone would be able to build a tree house if it didn't have a foundation and Walt responded one was already underway, but that he will review the concern with the Town Attorney viz-a-viz the specific situation where zoning and building codes require foundations.

CEC Update on Code Enforcement Training

Walt sent a letter via email to the company that schedules the Code Enforcement Training. Walt never received a response from the company and will try to reach them again. Walt reminded Linda to ask John to give him an update of his schedule so target dates could be offered.

Expedited Special Use Permit (SUP) Renewals

Walt shared his concern regarding Expedited Special Use Permit (SUP) with the Board Members. Walt explained that the code isn't updated to specifically support the Expedited Special Use Permit (SUP) renewal process; after the New Year we will review if changes to Chapter 108 are appropriate to properly codify the expedited review process which is being used for some SUP renewals in the last few years. Related to that, Walt asked for a Volunteer to draft up a letter to the Town Board asking for annual Special Use Permits to be reviewed by the Environmental and Planning Boards. The Board Members discussed their concern if items were being over looked with annual Special use Permit (SUP) being renewed without their review. Walt will draft a letter in the coming weeks and will review with the Planning Board prior to any recommendation to the Town Board regarding expedited SUP renewal.

Interviewing of Engineering Firms

Walt asked if any was interested in interviewing Engineering Firms or calling Towns that are similar to the Town of Colden. Rich asked if there will be funding for future projects and Walt mentioned that the State sent the stipend for adopting the Unified Solar Permit. A review will be done with the Town Accountant and some of the funding will go towards the Comprehensive Plan. Rich will do some research and will report back.

New Items

Jesse mentioned that the Town Board wanted to review if stiffer penalty charges for building without a permit are justified. Rich will compare Towns that are similar to the Town of Colden and will review their penalty procedures for building without a permit.

Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM, and Peter seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett