

Colden Planning Board Meeting

November 20, 2018

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

Absent: George Reinhardt

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

The November 20, 2018 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

I. Old Business

August Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the August minutes. Bobby motioned to approve the minutes and Rich seconded, all were in favor. The September and October meetings were canceled because of conflicting schedules and lack of quorum.

Kennel (Non-Boarding Permit) Issues

Walt stated that the Town Board asked the Planning Board to resubmit the amended recommendation drafted by the Planning Board a few years ago; Walt will do that again.

Walt mentioned that there was a minor change to an existing Special Use Permit, and it will be handled as a minor amendment by the Town Board under the authority of §108-125.A. The existing Special Use Permit (SUP) submitted originally by the Homeowner is being amended to match the number of dogs allowed in the household by the Town Board; in particular the original SUP allowed for 4 permanent dogs, and one additional fostered dog, for a total of 5. The instant minor change is to amend the fostered dog to a permanent family dog, for a total of 5. There is no net change in the number of dogs. The Planning Board reviewed the change and concurred with the action proposed by the Town Board. Walt will submit our recommendation for advisory consideration by the Town Board at their December meeting.

In a related but independent matter, Walt reminded everyone that this approach is consistent with the new PB recommendation (for change to the existing zoning kennel SUP regulations) to

the Town Board, which is to ease the number of situations like this one (private landowner with non-commercial kennel with only family dogs only) and the PB remains consistent with our prior recommendation for kennel SUP requirements under the Chapter 108 zoning local laws. Walt will again discuss with the recommended zoning changes with the Town Board and the Town Attorney if necessary.

Comp & Farmland Plans in other local rural communities

Bobby created a PDF with Comp and Farmland Plans that were similar with the Town of Colden's environment. Walt suggested that the PB members contact Bobby if they would like to review the file after downloading; since the files are large, some PB members can't download due to their Internet access plans. Either Bobby or Walt will make a DVD or USB thumb drive with Bobby's files upon request in those cases. Walt mentioned that the Town of Sardinia is planning to update their Comp and Farm Plan on their own without assistance, but that their ability to do that alone is greatly assisted by their prior existing Comp and Farmland plan since it is a very complete and well done document, even more outstanding when compared to Colden's old documents. It remains unclear that the Colden to bring our plan into compliance and into a format consistent with State guidelines without external professional assistance as Walt has indicated in the past would be required. This issue will continue to be a goal for 2019.

Luca

Peter submitted the information that he gathered three months ago and hasn't received any updates. He expects one more significant update in the future.

Zoning Chapter 108 Code Cleanup, Peddler Solicitor, Grass Height, & Larger Animals on Non-Conforming Lots

Walt mentioned zoning Chapter 108 Code Cleanup, Peddler Solicitor, Grass Height, & Larger Animals on Non-Conforming Lots that were reviewed in previous meetings will be added to the 2019 Agenda. Walt will continue discussing the topics with the Town Attorney as well as plan for action and recommendations during 2019. John asked for a true solution for container buildings as nearby towns are having issues and there are already cases in Colden; he will also check with Dawn on how the "container buildings" are taxed in her present policies and procedures in Colden.

ECRT

Walt mentioned that there weren't any updates to discuss but Walt will schedule a Guest Speaker, representing ECRT, to attend a Planning Board meeting early 2019.

General Update Regarding Spectrum Cable/Infrastructure Expansion for Colden

Walt advised that there weren't any significant updates. The weather has impacted the installation and there's a delay. The next update will be in January 2019 from Spectrum.

Introduction of New Potential Renewable Energy Issue to Planning Board and Town Board

Walt asked the Planning Board members to think about adding the introduction of new potential renewable energy issues to the 2019 Agenda. The Board Members expressed their concern and if it was just for commercial use. Walt will attend the Town Board Workshop meeting in December to review the topic.

Expedited Special Use Permits (SUP)

Walt will discuss the expedited Special Use Permits (SUP) with the Town Board Workshop meeting in December so that our recommendations will obtain a desired direction. He already reviewed the topic with the Town Attorney and will add the topic to the 2019 Agenda.

Statement of Chairman's Thanks

Walt thanked the Planning Board Members for all of their efforts and dedication for the accomplishments that were completed during 2018.

III. Such other Matters

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

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM, and Linda seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett