

## Colden Planning Board Meeting

January 21, 2020

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

Also Present: Jesse Hrycik (Councilman), John Kotlarsz (Bldg. Insp/Code -  
Enf. Officer), Tom Dziulko (Fire Inspector/Asst Code – Enf.  
Officer), and Jason Kulaszewski (UB Regional Institute, Clean  
Energy Coordinator)

The January 21, 2020 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

### Chairman

Walt asked for nominations for the 2020 Chairman with calling to order an organizational meeting. Peter motioned to nominate Walt for the 2020 Planning Board Chairman position with a quorum of seven members. Linda seconded the motion. There wasn't any discussion and a vote was taken. Six members approved and Walt abstained his vote. A motion to adjourn the Organizational meeting was made, seconded, and approved and the meeting adjourned.

The next action was to open the Planning Board's regular January 2020 meeting.

### New Planning Board Member

The Planning Board Members welcomed new member Jackie May.

### September Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the September minutes and Bobby recommended changing the wording under Bobby's Action Items to read: Bobby submitted a draft to Walt regarding the proposed flag lot code but Walt hasn't had a chance to review the document. Six out of seven Board Members were in favor to approve the revised minutes. Jackie abstained her vote because she wasn't a Board Member for the September meeting.

The meeting for October was canceled due to Board Members conflicting schedules. On the night of the November meeting, the Planning Board Members attended the PV Solar Farm & Renewable Energy Storage Project Workshop, in Sardinia, NY which was important to get the Planning Board up to speed on, even though it was held on the third Tuesday of November

causing a conflict with the normal PB meeting night. The meeting for December was canceled due to Board Members conflicting schedules.

Presentation and Workshop by Jason Kulaszewski, UB Regional Institute, Clean Energy Coordinator

Walt asked Jason to start his presentation regarding the two higher level Regional plans which exist and apply to Colden. The two plans reviewed in the presentation were UBRI's One Region Forward and The Erie-Niagara Framework for Regional Growth.

After the presentation the Board Members were asked to voice their concerns or if there were any questions.

Walt discussed the Solarize Campaign offered by NYSERDA. While the installation of Solar PV systems was very successful in Colden, unfortunately the energy assistance afforded by the NYSERDA Solar-For-All was not quite as well received. The Town of Colden only had two households sign up for the program which is unfortunate since based upon demographics several hundred billpayers in Colden could benefit from the reduction in their monthly NYSEG electric bill. It is assumed that the response was low because people didn't want to share their personal information to receive the reduced rate (the discounted bill is an income qualified program by NYSERDA).

Bobby asked if there's any incentive to complete more items listed under the Clean Energy as the Town of Colden already completed the requirement. Jason responded that it would be beneficial for the Town of Colden as it could allow for more grant money. Vehicle charging stations were reviewed by the Board Members as a possible option. Walt mentioned that the charging station would need to be selected with an easy access port to allow vehicles to charge and that the selected charging station should be compatible with the largest number of vehicle manufacturers. It is anticipated that any system would be a "Level 2" type design and not the Tesla-specific design. Walt assigned Jackie to review the topic and to report back at a future Planning Board meeting with her activity consistent with the due dates of any submission prior to the Grant deadline in May 2020.

Walt mentioned that the our new Colden Comprehensive Plan will need to be updated for the many topics, a few of them being: Solar, Wind Turbines, Energy from Biomass, Renewable Energy Storage, ECRT, Climate Smart, and Farm Protection Plan to name a few. All of those topics are covered in the issued RFP for the Comp Plan consultant.

With respect to the future initiatives under NYSERDA and NYS energy campaigns, Jason will provide Walt with a new Clean Energy Community Update in early Spring/Summer with new high impact items and if warranted a briefing to the Planning Board will be scheduled.

## LUCA

Walt asked Peter to give a brief description of the program for Jackie as she is new to the Board. After Peter explained the project to Jackie, Peter stated that he's finished with the LUCA project and the item could be retired from the agenda.

## ECRT

Peter mentioned that he hasn't received any new information. Peter did inform the Planning Board Members that a walk of the trails would be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Peter wasn't able to attend but encouraged Board Members to attend if they were available. Jesse mentioned that part of the trail was open for snowmobiles but the terrain was rough.

## Bobby's Action Items

Walt will discuss the items at a future meeting.

## Colden's Clean Energy Community Initiative Updates

Walt reviewed with the Board Members that twelve Citizens signed contracts with the CIR under the Colden Solarize Campaign and one application is pending until Spring 2020 for a total of 13. The Town of Colden has easily met the NYSEDA requirement of ten contracts and we thus completed another CEC High Impact Area.

Walt mentioned to Jesse that a sketch is needed for optional locations to have charging ports for electric vehicles. Jesse mentioned that the ports will need to be listed/registered as available for Apple/Android Apps to help citizens and travelers locate EV charging ports. Walt and Jesse discussed options for power and if the port can have its own meter, so the Town can keep track of the billing through NYSEG. Jackie will research the topic and report back at the next Planning Board meeting.

## Continued Discussion of Procedures and Fees for Changes, Upgrades, Modifications, and New Co-locations of Telemetry and Telecommunications

Walt was approached by the Town of Colden Code Enforcement Officers and discussed their concern with proper permits for existing towers with multiple antennas. Walt is still working with the Town of Colden's Attorney and stated that it's an ongoing matter. Peter provided Walt and the Town of Colden Code Enforcement Officers with documentation that he was able to record. The matter of the changes at the Ch4 Tower have been resolved by the CEO's and a permit issued as appropriate.

### Planning Board Update(s) at Town Board Workshop

Walt mentioned that the main focus was interviewing for the vacant position on the Planning Board at the last Town Workshop but no other topics were discussed.

### Prior PB Agenda items B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B12, B13, and B14

Walt will send out an email as a reminder for the items that are tabled.

### Flag Lot Cases, and Do We Need Definition of Flat Lot Viz-a-viz Subdivision Issues

Walt will email Board Members a draft copy by the next Planning Board meeting.

### Zoning Changes for 5G Cellular Equipment Installations

This topic is tabled by the Planning Board Chairman until further notice. Walt mentioned that the schedule of Fees is now added to the Colden Fines and Fees chart. Walt will provide a rough draft for a proposed code chapter at the next Planning Board meeting.

### Colden Code for Renewable Energy Storage Systems within the Town

Walt will provide a draft for the Planning Board Members to review and is possibly scheduled for the March 2020 Planning Board meeting.

### Draft Code Changes from 2019 TB Workshop

The draft code changes that were submitted to the Town Board Workshop were sent back as instructed by the Town Attorney. Walt will work with Jesse and have another draft ready for review at the February Planning Board meeting.

### NYS Ag&Markets Law Regarding Actions with 500' of Parcel in Ag Overlay District

Walt stated that the website is available and was updated in the Fall of 2019. Walt mentioned that the information will be helpful for the Town of Colden Clerk and the Town of Colden Assessor. Walt is working with Tom to recreate the form for 500' property notification of action when activities are within the buffer near a NYS Ag Overlay District parcel.

### Formal New Town Business

Formal new Town business: Walt reported he didn't receive any topics as he checked with the Town Clerk prior to the Planning Board meeting.

### New Planning Board Comprehensive Plan RFP Comments

Walt has been coordinating with the Town of Colden Supervisor and the Town Board regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Walt is working on budgeting activities that will proceed efficiently over the next fifteen months.

### New Planning Board Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Comments

Walt is working with a Consultant regarding protection for existing Farmers and other matters of concern. An Ag Citizens Committee was created to include people involved in the many issues related to the plan. Walt has been communicating with the Town of Colden Supervisor and the Town Board regarding this topic.

### Other Such Matters As May Come Before the Board

Walt mentioned that a street lamp located on Heath and Hayes Hollow that was out of service will be fixed. This street lamp was mentioned at several Planning Board meetings by Rich Sheldon. Walt is still working with NYSEG regarding a pole that was never removed to convert it to LED also.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM, and Bobby seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett