

Colden Planning Board Meeting

November 15, 2016

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

Also Present: Jesse Hrycik (Councilman), John Kotlarsz (Bldg. Insp/Code  
Enf. Office) Marie Nowak, and Barbara Frankiewicz

The November 15, 2016 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

Presentation by technical and management staff of Nussbaumer & Clarke:

Marie and Barbara were invited to attend the Planning Board Meeting to give insight on how to update the Colden Comprehensive Plan. The Town of Marilla Comprehensive Plan was used as an example because the Town of Marilla shares a few similarities with the Town of Colden. The Town of Marilla Planning Board updated their plan by reviewing a few pages of the current plan each month, if time allowed and the process took about two years. The Town of Marilla has a separate plan for Agricultural Farm Protection and it was mentioned that The Town of Colden may want to do the same.

A few key items were reviewed as listed below:

- Create a document to define community goals for growth, utilities, wind, and solar
- Define Residential, Commercial, and Agricultural zoning
- Utility development and maintenance
- Recreation, Environmental Conservation designated areas i
- Housing/zoning, sub-divisions, flag lots
- Towers, Solar Panels, Solar Farms, and Wind Turbines codes
- Vacant Houses
- Transportation

To be eligible for Grant money an updated Comprehensive Plan is required. It's imperative to review the Comprehensive Plan every five to seven years, to maintain a current Comprehensive Plan.

It is recommended for the Town to have focus groups to identify the issues within the plan and send out questionnaires to the residents. After the plan is revised it must be submitted to the Town Board for approval.

Comprehensive Plan Discussion Continued

Farm Land Protection Plan - Is encouraged and the plan is used to sets ground rules for the Town. The Comprehensive Plan is for maintaining farmland stating what to grow and sell.

I. October Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the October minutes and Peter made a correction to the Historic District. The corrected revision will read: Frank and Rich will work together and will report back at the next meeting. Peter motioned to approve the minutes with the revision and Rich seconded, all were in favor.

Walt mentioned that there will be a three hour safety course for First Responders on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and will be held at the Colden Fire Hall.

As stated on the agenda:

Defer to January 2017:

Continue Discussion of Solar/PV Permitting Process & Possible Code

Temporary Signs

Historic District

Meeting After Gathering More Budgetary Information

Special Use Permit

Specific Codes Sections to be Reviewed

Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, George seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett