

MINUTES
For
Village of Dryden
Planning Board Meeting
Held on Monday, May 21, 2018

Approved

CHAIRPERSON PRESENT:	Ben Curtis
PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Doug Brown, Les Cleland, Chris Gibbons, Nick Kuzmik
LIAISON MEMBER:	Mike Murphy arrived late
ALTERNATE MEMBER PRESENT:	Absent
SECRETARY PRESENT:	Rotha Marsh
GUESTS PRESENT:	None

Chairman Curtis opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

New Business

Ben presented the New Model of the Solar Energy Local Law from the State and instructions pamphlet. This plan has added tiers corresponding to different sizes of solar energy systems. The three tiers run parallel to discussions the planning board has had in the past. The first tier defined as residential with the third tier being more for industrial. It was agreed that this could be beneficial to add to The Village of Dryden Solar Energy Law including lot size, parcel line set backs and height requirements for each tier. Member Cleland brought up possibly adding a requirement for anti- glare coatings referred in the new model law. It was also discussed to look into the impact that solar systems could have on birds, bees and bats. Chairman Curtis suggested having Speaker Houtan Moaveni from NYSERDA come to a public Village and Planning Board meeting. He would help the village with our solar plan rough draft. This was well received. It was decided that Chairman Curtis would try to schedule this for the fall possibly mid-September. Member Cleland suggested sending a copy of the rough draft the planning board has already worked on to Houtan Moaveni before the meeting so he could review it.

78 proceedings was the next topic of discussion, Chairman Ben handed out information on what is an “Article 78” proceeding and how to best avoid being sued or prevail if you are. Anyone can sue if they have exhausted all legal remedies first. That means if they don’t attend a board meeting and they don’t try to resolve their complaint first, the suit can be thrown out. “Article 78” focuses on procedure. Did you follow your own rules? It is important to keep excellent records with the basis for all decisions as there is no testifying. As for losing, it just means going back and following the procedures that should have been addressed in the beginning.

Also noted was that anyone can speak at a public hearing, a time limit can be set, same time for all. No one has to sign in if they don’t wish nor do they have to give their name. Written comments can be submitted if one can’t attend in person.

Emergency Response to Street design: Chairman Curtis provided an article by Author Carl Wren. Wren links street width, as well as connectivity, to pedestrian and driver safety. The current International Fire code does not take traffic calming and pedestrian safety into account.

Chairman Curtis requested the board review two Case Law updates. One can be found on the New York Planning Federation website under Conference in the menu, and then scroll down to “ materials that were handed it out”. All board members agreed to print themselves. The second is not on the web site and will be printed and put in their office mail boxes.

Hot Button Issues: Air B&B's Farmer's Mkts and Food Trucks. All members agreed these were not hot topics for the Village of Dryden at this time.

Minutes from last meeting: none presented

Old Business: none discussed

Watchdog:

Board member Cleland is concerned with:

1) The site plan approval at the new Walgreen's site. How long do they have to finish the landscaping, what will be done with the dirt field that is south of the paved driveway and parking?

2) There are 3 storage trailers and sometimes a fourth on the woodworking property close to the old Stafford Chevrolet building behind the new Walgreen's store.

Board member Kuzmik is concerned with:

- 1) Power pole L763 near the Ice Factory. The spiral wrap over the bundle of wires has exploded. He will contact town code enforcement to get this repaired.

On a motion by Planning board Member Brown and seconded by Planning Board Member Kuzmik, the following was passed. Vote: 6 Ayes

RESOLUTION 05-2018

Adjourn

Resolved that the Planning Board of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns the meeting at 8:48 p.m., not to re-convene.

