

**TOWN OF BARRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Keeler	Wes Miller
Jean Depatie	Kurt Dudley
Paul Gillette	Jean Peglow
Kirk Mathes	

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Darryl Sanford	Wilford Wraight
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Others present: Tom McCabe, Brenda Benjovsky, and David Snell.

**I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Dudley made a resolution to approve the meeting minutes of December 19<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mr. Gillette and carried (7-0).

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

The Legion of Christ's Special Use Permit is being revoked. Mr. Keeler will have Mr. Mark write a letter to them informing them of this.

The solar policy in regards to Mr. Mark's suggestions was discussed. Mrs. Preston will make the necessary changes and resend it to Mr. Mark and the Town Board members.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Benjovsky and Mr. Snell were told that we can talk about the Grange situation here but it's a zoning board issue at this point. Mr. Snell stated:

- Had a prospective buyer who was going to use the building for storage having 2 people, one for each floor of the building; however buyer has backed out.
- County made assumptions that tenants would be backing onto Route 98.
- If neighbor put up a fence it would create an issue if there was a fire
- Would be on the tax roll if purchased
- Asked us what would happen to the building if variances not approved by zoning? (Become a green space?)
- Why make things tougher for any prospective buyer?
- A holding tank could be used in place of no septic tank.

Would the church let prospective buyer/tenants use their parking lot? Is the Grange an historic building? These are two questions that were tossed around concerning the situation.

Mr. Miller read a letter from Mrs. Tierney, chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, concerning subdivision of land.

- Can't divide property and put ourselves into this situation
- Have decided in the past regarding the Hamlet to decide outcome on a case by case basis
- Would need a clear understanding of it.

Mr. McCabe stated that Mr. Yazman presented a local law to amend the zoning law regarding wind energy. The law would approve a height of 600' which currently is 500', transmission lines underground, and leasing agreements. Once things progress further, in the agreement with them, Barre could receive money to hire an expert to help with negotiations. A copy of the proposed law will be scanned and emailed to Planning Board members.

#### **IV. COMMUNICATION**

##### **ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Applications reviewed:

- Town of Barre's request for area variance for non-conforming lot on Route 98 in general business district (Grange) was denied.
- Town of Yates request for amendment to zoning ordinance: revising wind energy facilities law of 2008 was approved.

Other business:

- Director Bensley announced Department of State approved grants for Orleans County and the Village of Medina for the Erie Canal LWRP. This will be a collaborative project involving all towns and village adjoining the canal and likely being several months before the next steps of the process will take place.
- Draft letter to be sent to local land use officials regarding the importance of the County Planning Board receiving referrals are complete and containing the required content was approved.

#### **V. ADJORNMENT**

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm, seconded by Mr. Depatie and carried (7-0).

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Lee A. Preston, Clerk