

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 11, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Keeler (by phone)	Wes Miller
Jean Depatie	Kurt Dudley (by phone)
Stephen Harling	Kirk Mathes
Jean Peglow	
Dr. George McKenna (Alt.)	

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Eric Watson (Alt.)

Others present by phone: Joshua Watkins

Mr. Miller appointed Dr. McKenna to a voting position on the board for this meeting with Mr. Keeler's present by phone.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to approve the December 14th minutes with no corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harling and carried.

II. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business at this time.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Watkins dropped of his corrected application. Mrs. Dale-Hall reviewed it prior to the meeting and approved it to come to the planning board. She had no other comments on the application. Discussion took place:

- The submitted map is updated but is not to scale. Mr. Watkins stated that the measurements were done with a friend with a tape measure. The dimensions were discussed. Because of using only one map, it is a little confusing. Mr. Watkins will be at the County Planning Board meeting in some fashion.
- Employee parking – section of 350-59 states that it should not be right on the property line.
- Building is two separate buildings

- Mr. Miller asked about the fencing and he would like to see it be a solid fence. Mr. Watkins did say it would be a solid fence like what you would get at Home Depot or Lowes. Mr. Miller would like this to be added to the County referral as one of our conditions.
- Mr. Watkins stated that there would be no more than one vehicle for sale at a time. He has room for four inside and will have four waiting outside. All will be registered, either by himself or the owners using the facility.
- There will be no bulk fuel storage.
- Mr. Watkins states that he has not contacted the State DOT regarding the second driveway stated in his application
- Mr. Watkins states that he does not have a state license for a repair station.

Resolution 1-2021

Introduced by: Jean Peglow
 Seconded by: George McKenna

WHEREAS the Town of Barre has received an application from Joshua Watkins for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review for a Diesel/Gas Powered Vehicle Repair Shop located at 4227 Oak Orchard Road

RESOLVED, to send the application to the County Planning Board with recommendations of

- Fencing should be a solid fence
- Need to obtain a State license for a repair shop
- Need to obtain a permit from the New York State DOT for the second driveway

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller – Aye
 Mr. DePatie – Aye
 Mr. Dudley – Aye (by phone)
 Mr. Harling – Aye
 Mr. Mathes – Aye
 Mrs. Peglow – Aye
 Dr. McKenna – Aye

The resolution passed.

The required SEQR question from part 2 were asked.

Resolution 2-2021

Introduced by: Jean Peglow
 Seconded by: Steve Harling

WHEREAS the Town of Barre Planning Board has reviewed Part 2 of the SEQR form for the application of Joshua Watkins

RESOLVED, to declare a negative SEQR

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Mr. Miller – Aye
- Mr. DePatie – Aye
- Mr. Dudley – Aye (by phone)
- Mr. Harling – Aye
- Mr. Mathes – Aye
- Mrs. Peglow – Aye
- Dr. McKenna – Aye

The resolution passed.

Mr. Miller stated that the moratorium on Energy Storage was approved. Mr. Keeler had asked Mrs. Preston to contact the Town of Stillwater on their Energy Storage law. She has been unsuccessful so far in getting a reply from them. A workshop is temporarily set for some time during the week of January 25th at 6:30 pm after Mr. Keeler looks at his calendar at work.

Dr. McKenna stated that he contacted New York State and found out that a referendum on having wind turbines in the town does not fall into the required rules of a vote. After talking with Mr. Miller on the survey done for the Comprehensive Plan (November 2013), he feels that it should now be redone. The people should have a voice. Dr. McKenna made a motion to have the Town Board do a survey of residents. The motion did not receive a second. Discussion took place. Some residents filled out the currant survey right away while voting. The Village of Holley spent about \$45,000.00 to have a company do their Comprehensive Plan so with us doing it, we saved the town a lot of money. We should think of redoing it in the next five years.

In regards to the required training hours each year, there has not been anything from the State. However, the Town’s bylaws state that it needs to be done. Therefore, it is up to the Town Board.

Resolution 3-2021

Introduced by:	Jean Peglow
Seconded by:	George McKenna

WHEREAS the coronavirus has interfered with the required training requirement

RESOLVED, to recommend to the Town Board to wave the required training requirement for 2020 and carry over any training that was done by members in 2020 to 2021 so those hours are not lost

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Mr. Miller – Aye
- Mr. DePatie – Aye
- Mr. Dudley – Aye (by phone)
- Mr. Harling – Aye
- Mr. Mathes – Aye
- Mrs. Peglow – Aye
- Dr. McKenna – Aye

The resolution passed.

IV. COMMUNICATION

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The referrals were all from the Town of Barre.

- Residential 1 to Agriculture/Residential – is indeed in-line with the goals of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, and as such will help to guide future development in a way that the Town sees fit. Approved
- General Business Expansion – In accordance with New York’s Zoning Enabling Statues, the expansion of the district is indeed in-line with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, and as such will help to guide future development in a way that the Town sees fit. Approved.
- Moratorium Extension on Energy Storage – New York zoning suggested that five key elements are requisite
 - Have a reasonable time frame as measured by the action to be accomplished during the term
 - Have a valid public purpose justifying the moratoria or other interim enactment
 - Address a situation where the burden imposed by a moratorium is being shared substantially by the public at large
 - Strictly adhere to the procedure for adoption laid down by the enabling acts
 - Have a time certain when the moratorium will expire
- It is unclear whether a moratorium lasting longer than a year would be considered reasonable, but depends upon subject matter
- Those lasting longer than 2 years to study the effects of wind energy facilities, which are closely related emerging technology to solar energy, and solar energy storage facilities. Barre’s moratorium contains no fixed end date leaving open the option to extend in perpetuity. Approved.

Other items discussed were:

- 94-C Process (ORES) and the Siting of Renewable Energy
- Adoption of 2021 meeting calendar
- Resignation of Tom Lamp as of January 11th

V. ADJORNMENT

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm; seconded by Mr. Depatie and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk