

**TOWN OF BARRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
APRIL 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The board met at the Town Hall and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by co-chair Mr. Keeler.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Keeler                      Wes Miller  
Jean Depatie                  Kurt Dudley  
Stephen Harling              Kirk Mathes  
Anna Shuknecht (Alt.)

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Jean Peglow  
Eric Watson (Alt.)

Others present: Margaret Swan

Mr. Keeler asked for a motion to appoint Mrs. Shuknecht to a voting member for the duration of the meeting this evening. Mr. Dudley made the motion to have Mrs. Shuknecht as a full voting member; seconded by Mr. Harling and was passed (6-0).

**I.     APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve the February 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harling and carried. (7-0)

**II.    OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**III.   NEW BUSINESS**

The possible zoning on food trucks was discussed. Mrs. Preston had forwarded zoning information the board members from the Village of Albion, Town of Evans and Zoning for Food Trucks from the New York Planning Federation and New York Association of Towns which was found at various websites. Some general discussion followed:

- It was asked if such zoning was needed within the town and Mr. Keeler personally said yes:
  - to make sure that the proper paperwork was obtained like sales tax, necessary licenses were completed, proper insurance coverage etc.

- It gives a method of doing everything by the book and is not detrimental per health issues
- We currently have no zoning for this or peddling either
- Health department does make sure of cleanliness and proper cooking etc.
  - Approval is per county so if selling in more than one county would need multiple approvals
- How would it be differentiated between permanent location or rolling locations
- How would it be regulated
- The Village of Albion's application lists the full name and address of owner, location(s) of where conducting business, vehicle, date of business, proof of all licenses, brief description of firm and kinds of food desiring to sell, consent of property owner where its being parked.
- Would it be for a party or a single event? Open to the public? Would this be considered catering?
- Catering is a whole other issue
- Mr. Mathes talked to a neighbor who does catering and said for a single application it is \$35.00 and \$100.00 for the year
- With the construction of the wind turbines, Mr. Mathes would not like to see someone from Buffalo, Rochester or Syracuse come in and take the business away from those located locally.
- Do not want a new law regulating food trucks to hurt our local churches or 4-H kids
- The key would be the definition
  - The Village of Albion definition was read
- Could be a lunch or coffee and snack truck
- Maybe not have a law so restrictive by using duration of an event/location. Another suggestion was to base it on hours
- Mr. Keeler made a guess that 75-100 guys maybe at wind tower construction sites. Mr. Mathes will do some research with other towns similar to ours that have wind turbines to see what their take on this was

This issue will be revisited after doing some more research.

The 280-megawatt solar farm with 20-megawatts of battery storage in the Town of Byron under Excelsior Energy Center has been approved by the New York State Siting Board.

The Hecate Energy Cider Solar Farm located in the Towns of Elba and Oakfield will be a 500-megawatt facility located on both sides of Rt. 98.

It was mentioned that beginning in 2024 all new construction will not be able to have gas hookups (All-Electric Building Act). By 2040 (Climate Act 2019) all power generation must be from a clean energy source - everything will be totally electric.

#### **IV. COMMUNICATION**

##### ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

February meeting:

- Town of Clarendon's request for a Special Use Permit for a Diesel Repair Shop from an existing structure on County Line Road was approved.
- Town of Albion's request for a Site Plan Review for a proposed 3 building expansion to an existing self-storage facility on West County House Road was approved.
- Updated By-Laws to only have 2 consecutive cancelled meetings allowed
- The Snowmobile Trails grant was completed in the amount of \$41,000.00
- The Household Hazardous Waste Event for 2022 will be on August 13<sup>th</sup> with longer hours than in the past.
- Mr. Bensley has been out, **however is now back part time.**
- There is a new caseworker coming on with an announcement soon.

The March meeting was cancelled.

#### **V. ADJORNMENT**

Mr. Depatie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm; seconded by Mr. Harling and carried (7-0).

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Lee A. Preston, Clerk