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MINUTES

Herkimer County Planning Board
Monday, May 20, 2024

The Herkimer County Planning Board (HCPB) met in person on May 20, 2024 and the meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

The following persons were present:

Les Stephens, HCPB Chairman

Donna Salamone, HCPB Member

Robyn Cadwell, HCPB Member

Jeff Rehler, HOCCPP Staff

A motion was made by Donna Salamone and seconded by Robyn Cadwell to approve the minutes from the Monday, March 18, 2024 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4/15 Agenda Items - GML 239 Referrals

HCPB decided not to issue recommendations on GML 239 referrals submitted for the 4/15 Meeting. That meeting did not have a quorum present and HCPB's 30-day review window for providing recommendations has since lapsed prior to the present meeting (referring bodies can act without receiving a recommendation after 30 days).

Joel Ford - White Creek Rd, Town of Norway (GML 239 Referral)

HCPB reviewed a site plan for construction of a 40' X 60' storage building for equipment and materials. Donna Salamone motioned for "No Recommendation". Robyn Cadwell seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

TA Down Construction - Hollywood Rd, Town of Webb (GML 239 Referral)

Members reviewed a conditional use permit for replacement of a lawful, pre-existing, nonconforming shoreline structure/boathouse. Citing no likely countywide impact, Robyn Cadwell motioned for "No Recommendation". Donna Salamone seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Arts Guild of Old Forge - 3273 St. Rt. 28, Town of Webb (GML 239 Referral)

HCPB reviewed a site plan for temporary installation of a mobile glass hot shop. Members agreed that the temporary installation would have minimal potential for intermunicipal or countywide impact. Donna Salamone motioned for "No Recommendation". Robyn Cadwell seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Town of Frankfort – Six-month Moratorium (GML 239 Referral)

Members reviewed a proposed Local Law establishing a 6-month moratorium on Solar Energy Systems, Solar Farms and/or Windmills in the Town. Robyn Cadwell motioned for "No Recommendation" as to final action. Donna Salamone seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Guy DeMaio - S. Rondaxe Rd, Town of Webb (GML 239 Referral)

Members reviewed a conditional use permit for construction of a single-family dwelling and discussed economic benefits of development in the Town. Citing no likely countywide impact, Robyn Cadwell motioned for "No Recommendation". Donna Salamone seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Chuck Schweitzer - 3009 St. Rt. 28, Town of Webb (GML 239 Referral)

Members reviewed a conditional use permit for construction of a pavilion entrance to a residence. Citing no likely countywide impact, Donna Salamone motioned for “No Recommendation”. Robyn Cadwell seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Town of Columbia – Solar Energy Facilities Law (GML 239 Referral)

Members reviewed a proposed Local Law (Local Law No. 1 of 2024) to regulate Solar Energy Facilities and related accessories in the Town. Members discussed various vague definitions, inconsistent terminology, and unclear regulations in the law. Acreage limits, ownership limitations, and applicable tiers for solar development restrictions were among items in need of revision. Robyn Cadwell motioned for “Recommended Modifications” to the law. Donna Salamone seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Schneckenburger Family Irr Trust - 118 Burma Rd, Town of Webb (GML 239 Referral)

Members reviewed a conditional use permit for replacement of a lawful, pre-existing, nonconforming shoreline single family dwelling. Citing no likely countywide impact, Donna Salamone motioned for “No Recommendation”. Robyn Cadwell seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Michael Sullivan - 7440 Main Street, Village of Newport (GML 239 Referral)

HCPB reviewed a site plan to remodel an existing office area in the front of building into a bakery. Members discussed the potential boost for business activity in the Village. Robyn Cadwell motioned for “No Recommendation”. Donna Salamone seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Other Business

The next meeting of the Herkimer County Planning Board is scheduled for June 17, 2024 at noon and will be held in person. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.