

**Town of Westerlo
Planning Board
Westerlo, New York
Planning Board Meeting**

Minutes

Date: January 22, 2019

Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York

Board Members: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, Edwin Stevens, and Doyle Shaver Jr.

Interim Town Attorney: Javid Afzali (present)

Code Enforcement Officer: Jeff Pine (not present)

Board Members Present: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Richard Kurylo, Gerry Boone, and Edwin Stevens, Doyle Shaver Jr.

The Planning Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dorothy Verch at 7:00 pm. Chairperson Dorothy Verch led the pledge to the flag.

Dotty Verch introduced Javid Afzali, Interim Town Attorney, to the Board.

The board reviewed December's minutes. Richard Kurylo made motion to accept the minutes; Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Old Business:

Dorothy Verch opened public hearing for application #17-009, Medusa Solar Farm, tax map #162.-1-2.20 & application #17-010, Westerlo Solar Farm, tax map #176.00-1-46.1. Mr. Shanahan, present, suggested the board contact Hyde Engineering for review of all solar projects separately. Mr. Shanahan requested since it had been one year since approval (1/23/18) if the board can submit a brief letter that permit is good through 6/26/19. Edwin Stevens made motion to extend projects through 6/26/19, Richard Kurylo seconded it. The public hearing adjourned until February 26th meeting.

Dorothy Verch opened public hearing for application #17-005, Costanza Solar Farm, tax map # 162.-2-4. David Weightman present on behalf of Cypress Creek. Dave Zimenski voiced concerns and suggested an environmental analysis be completed. The residents of Strawberry Lane continued to voice their concerns regarding the fire suppression system that is proposed to be used for the Battery

Storage. They were also concerned with the discrepancy between description of the storage system containment- in one presentation it was concrete and in another, it was metal containment. Tom Diederich from Westerlo Fire Dept. present voicing concerns if there is ever an incident. He requested there be a road with grade access. The town board approved the consultant, Hyde Engineering who should be present at the next meeting. The public hearing has been postponed until February 26th at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Dowd present speaking on behalf of Shephard Farms. In the future they will be adding a battery.

New Business:

Received application for J & J Construction, Inc., Jacob Irwin, 1046 SR 32, Westerlo, NY 12193, tax map #152-1-12.1. Jacob is requesting a special use permit for a commercial garage to store equipment. It was mentioned that we need Jacob's official site plan. ACPB will not review application until professionally rendered site plan is submitted. Application assigned #18-003. The application had been submitted to DEC which determined that this application was a TYPE II action and required no further review. The application was accepted pending the submission of an engineered site plan. Public hearing scheduled for February 26th at 7pm. Jacob received letters to send to the abutters.

Doyle Shaver made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm and Richard Kurylo seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Bungay
Planning Board Clerk