

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

Minutes

Date: August 25th, 2020

Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York

Board Members: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, and Edwin Stevens

Board Members Present: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, and Edwin Stevens

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.

The board reviewed minutes from July 28th meeting. Richard Kurylo made motion to accept the minutes; Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Old Business:

First Item: AT & T, application #20-001, is requesting a special use permit for a 25' tower extension to Barnside cell tower, 6419 State Route 32, Greenville, NY tax map #164-1-11.1. The total new height proposed will be 169 feet under the 190' maximum allowed. Dotty has spoken to Martha Grady, representative for Airosmith Development and they are still working on ideas for the visual test other than the crane. Dotty discussed the review made by the Ingalls, the Town's designated engineer. They provided a list of items that need to be reviewed and addressed by the applicant.

New Business:

First Item: Goodfellow cell tower-it was discussed that the change is less than 10% of existing height, therefore does not need to come before planning board. However, the escrow account needs to be activated. Richard Kurylo made motion to activate the escrow and make it a pass-through; Dotty Verch seconded the motion. Gerry Boone and Edwin Stevens both were a no.

Second Item: Discussion of Strawberry Lane residents' concerns regarding the Costanza Solar Farm Project. Dave Ziminski present on behalf of the residents. Three Town Board members have been up to the site and mentioned the solar arrays cannot be seen from the road and the arrays are smaller than the original plans. The board had said that everything is currently being done that was supposed to. The residents are requesting that going forward the town have discretion how these projects are planned and approved.

Third Item: At the last Town Board meeting, Supervisor Bichteman proposed the merger of the Planning and Zoning Boards with the eventual abolishment of the Planning Board and the reduction of the number of people from 10 to 7. There was also discussion regarding the removal of the planning board's salary. It was discussed that all members should be present at the next town board meeting to express their thoughts and concerns.

Richard Kurylo made motion to adjourn the meeting and Edwin Stevens seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Bungay
Planning Board Clerk