

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

Minutes

Date: December 8th, 2020

Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York

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

Town Attorney: Javid Afzali – not present; Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Jeff Pine –not present

Supervisor: William Bichteman-not present

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 via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Chairperson Dorothy Verch led the pledge to the flag.

The board reviewed minutes from November 10th meeting. Richard Kurylo made motion to accept the minutes; Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

New Business:

First Item: Dotty Verch opened the public hearing for application #20-004, Thomas Locklear, 60 Strawberry Lane, Westerlo, NY, tax map #162-1-20. Thomas Locklear present and is requesting a special use permit for a ground based residential solar energy system with over 400 square feet in collector size. Mr. Locklear is being represented by Kasselmann Solar. Dave Ziminski, abutter was present on zoom. There were no negative responses from the neighbors. All the return receipts were forwarded via email. Discussion of landscaping and screening of the array from the current neighbor, Mr. Leavens. The site visit revealed that planting of a fast-growing arborvitae (similar to those used on Costanza project) was recommended along west side of Strawberry Lane. There should also be screening protecting the applicant's house from the array as well. Richard Kurylo made motion to close public hearing; Gerry Boone seconded it. Type 2 action, no further determination needed. Richard Kurylo made motion to approve the application; Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Old Business:

First Item: AT & T, application #20-001, conducted the visual test via drone on November 14th. George Santiore present on behalf of Airosmith Development. Mr. Santiore responded to Dave Ingalls letter and provided photos and simulations from various surrounding points from the drone test. All the items prepared by Ingalls' Engineering, requesting information and clarification from Airosmith were reviewed and discussed. During the review, other items were addressed and Airosmith will be preparing their response for the next meeting, January

12, 2021, which will be a public hearing. All the abutters were notified about the visual test. The return receipts were all emailed and have been filed.

Second Item: Tree planting for WesterloNY01 and Medusa Solar took place on November 17th. WesterloNY01 planted 62 trees and Medusa Solar planted 25 trees.

Richard Kurylo made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm and Edwin Stevens seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Bungay
Planning Board Clerk