

Town and Village of Elba Planning Board Minutes: January 20, 2022

Attendees: Chuck Hoover, Frank Kowalski, David Scott, Mindy Stempin, Kim Ball, B. Gubb, and Brad Mudrzynski

Guests: Dan Coughlin

The meeting was called to order by C. Hoover at 7:00

Motion to accept December 16, 2021 Planning Board minutes with no additions/corrections made by F. Kowalski, seconded by K. Ball. Motion carried 7-0.

Reorganizational Meeting

Planning Board Chair: Motion to retain C. Hoover as chairperson by F. Kowalski, second by K. Ball. Motion carried 7-0

Planning Board Vice Chairperson: Motion to retain B. Gubb as vice chairperson by C. Hoover, second by K. Ball. Motion carried 7-0.

Planning Board Secretary: Motion to retain B. Mudrzynski as secretary by M. Stempin, second by D. Scott. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Notifications: Motion to keep the Batavia Daily News as the board's official location for public notifications by B. Mudrzynski, second by M. Stempin. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Date: Motion to keep the Elba Planning Board's monthly meeting date as the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 by B. Gubb, second by K. Ball. Motion carried 7-0.

Elba Town Board Report- D. Coughlin

- Felipe Oltramari from Genesee County Planning Department presented and answered questions on regarding the Genesee County Smart Growth Plan
- Dwight Kanyck will draft a wind energy law for the Town of Elba
- The Town Highway Department is fully staffed

Old Business- C. Hoover

- No updates regarding the Forefront Power Norton Road solar project.
- BW Solar has not made official application to NYS for it's Oak Orchard Road solar project.

- NYS Office of Renewable Energy Siting approved Hecate Energy's Cider Solar application as complete on December 31st, 2021. The State has a 1 year timeline to review the application and approve or deny the permit. The Town will have a 60 day opportunity to review and comment on the Cider application to make sure it meets the Town's solar energy law. Dwight Kanyuck will perform those services on behalf of the Town.
- Ongoing training- C. Hoover may open the town hall up to planning board members that wish to watch the optional training webinar on Feb 3 at 7:00 pm.
- The Town approved up to \$3,000 for Dwight Kanyuck to draft a wind energy law. The draft may be presented to the planning board in February to review and to pass a resolution formally recommending the plan's adoption to the Town Board.

New Business: C. Hoover

- Comprehensive plan- The Town's comprehensive plan is outdated and needs to be updated. Changing the comprehensive plan would also be the first step for the Town to modify the Smart Growth areas. A discussion ensued, and it was determined that applying for a grant to pay for a consultant to develop a comprehensive plan is the best path moving forward, as it would be an investment that will reap rewards in the future. The matter will be taken to the Town Board to start discussions, as the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) will probably open in July. The board agreed that it would be best to include the Village in both the grant application and comprehensive plan.

Motion to the adjourn the meeting at 8:10 was made B. Mudrzynski, seconded by K. Ball, motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Mudrzynski