

Town of Otsego Planning Board

Minutes, March 3, 2020

(Will be approved with any necessary amendments at the next meeting)

REGULAR MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Town of Otsego Planning Board was held on this date at the Town Office Building in Fly Creek, New York. Acting Chairman Ted Feury called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Bill Deane took roll call. Board members present were Feury (vice-chairman), Darryl Szarpa, Walter Dusenbery, Sharon Kroker and Chip Jennings. With Tom Huntsman (Chairman), Elizabeth Horvath, and first alternate member Rosemary Brodersen absent, second alternate member Lynn Krogh joined the meeting table. Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Hobbie, Planning Board attorney Ryan Miosek (who arrived at 7:11), and Town Board member Carina Franck were also present.

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 4, 2020, e-mailed to the members. Deane noted that the date was incorrectly listed as February 7. Dusenbery moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jennings seconded the motion and it was approved, 6-0.

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting.

Acting Chairman Feury asked if anyone had a conflict with tonight's applicant. No one responded. Feury asked if anyone from the public had a comment on a non-agenda item. Again, no one responded. The Board moved on to the application.

APPLICATION

Tashi Rabten (Bruce Phillips) – Site plan review, new house in RA-2 district – Stoller Hill Road (#112.00-1-20.01)

Zoning Enforcement Officer Hobbie said that he wanted the Board to review this project, and make sure there were no concerns. He said the necessary fees had been paid. Hobbie distributed copies of the application, proposed floor plan, and site map. Applicant Tashi Rabten (under International Tibetan Medical Association, LTD) owns four contiguous lots totaling about 63 acres; the proposed building lot measures 11.12 acres and has frontage on Stoller Hill Road.

Rabten and representative Bruce Phillips were present. Phillips said that Rabten plans to build a 2,500-square-foot, one-story, single-family residence. It will meet setback requirements, and will be atop a knoll (not on a steep slope). Clerk Bill Deane recalled that Phillips had come before the Board on behalf of Rabten in 2017-18, applying for a temple and yoga hall. Phillips said that these are not being proposed at this time.

Acting Chairman Feury said that, based on what is being presented, the project does not require site plan review. No other members voiced disagreement. Chip Jennings said that the project should not even have come before the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ed Hobbie distributed copies of his Zoning Enforcement Officer report, and discussed situations of interest.

Darryl Szarpa said he had attended the February 12 Town Board meeting as Planning Board liaison, and that nothing of concern to the Planning Board came up. Chip Jennings will serve as liaison at the March 11 Town Board meeting.

Carina Franck said that the Town Board is printing out a copy of the *American Planner's Dictionary*. They are proposing to cite this source in lieu of any undefined terms in the Town's *Land Use Law*.

Clerk Bill Deane discussed the April 7, 2020 agenda. As of now, there are no applications. Attorney Miosek said he would not be present on that date.

With no further business, at 7:25 PM Dusenbery moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Deane, Planning Board Clerk