

Town of Otsego Planning Board

Minutes, September 7, 2021

(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 (there was no meeting in August due to no agenda items.) Chairman Tom Huntsman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Bill Deane took roll call. Board members present were Huntsman, Elizabeth Horvath, Ben Bauer, Chip Jennings, and Sharon Kroker. With Walter Dusenbery, Lynn Krogh Casale, and alternate member Rosemary Brodersen absent, alternate member Antoinette Kuzminski joined the meeting table. Also present was Planning Board attorney Ryan Miosek.

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 6, 2021, e-mailed to the members. Bauer moved to approve the minutes as written. Kuzminski seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0, with Jennings abstaining because he was not at the meeting.

Correspondence received since the last meeting consisted of the Spring/Summer 2021 issue of *Planning News*, and an August 2021 notice regarding New York Planning Federation trainings.

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

APPLICATION

Inuksuk Farms (N. Jean Scarazafava/Daniel Heinrich) – Site plan modification, holding tank within 100 feet of Otsego Lake in RA1 district – 6761 State Highway 80 (#69.60-1-17.00)

No one was present on behalf of this application. Chairman Huntsman said that the Planning Board had approved a site plan for a wine cellar and deck on the property in 2019, but that a holding tank (which was not on the plan) was also being installed. He read aloud an August 17 e-mail from the project's engineer, James Forbes. Huntsman said that he felt the e-mail was derogatory, and that its author did not seem to understand the *Land Use Law* or the function of the Planning Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Zoning Enforcement Officer Jess Lanza was absent, but left a written report. It said only two land use applications were received in August, including the one on tonight's agenda; the other was for a two-story garage on Glimmerglen Road.

Sharon Kroker said she had attended the July 14 Town Board meeting as Planning Board liaison, and Ben Bauer said he had done the same on August 11. Both said the only topic of interest to the Planning Board was a discrepancy in the Town's zoning map: the one on the Town's web-site differs from the ones posted in the Town building, affecting property owners on Goose Street.

Clerk Bill Deane said that the liaison assignments have been completed, and new ones are needed. After discussion, the Board agreed on the following Planning Board liaison assignments for upcoming Town Board meetings:

September 8, 2021 – Antoinette Kuzminski

October 13, 2021 – Elizabeth Horvath

November 10, 2021 – Chip Jennings

December 8, 2021 – Walter Dusenbery

January 12, 2022 – Tom Huntsman

February 9, 2022 – Lynn Krogh Casale

March 9, 2022 – Rosemary Brodersen

April 13, 2022 – Sharon Kroker

Deane discussed the October 5, 2021 agenda, reminding the Board of resumption of the 7:00 start time. Presumably Inuksuk Farms will remain on the agenda, and there is also a new application from Joseph Stagliano. As detailed in a Word document Deane had e-mailed the members, the Board had approved a site plan for Stagliano in 2018, but he had subsequently added features (including bathroom and kitchen facilities) which were not on the approved site plan. Zoning Enforcement Officer Jess Lanza issued a violation notice on July 1, 2021, and Stagliano applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an interpretation. The ZBA upheld the violation notice in August, and Stagliano is attempting to remedy the situation with a new site plan application. Chairman Huntsman and Attorney Miosek said that the Planning Board would not entertain a new application before the violations are removed.

With no further business, at 8:19 PM Bauer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Deane, Planning Board Clerk