

Town of Otsego Planning Board

Minutes October 1, 2019

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. Chairman Tom Huntsman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Bill Deane took roll call. Board members present were Huntsman, Ted Feury (vice-chairman), Walter Dusenbery, and Darryl Szarpa (Elizabeth Horvath arrived at 7:29, after all votes had been taken). With Chip Jennings, Sharon Kroker, and alternate member Lynn Krogh absent, alternate member Rosemary Brodersen joined the meeting table. Also present was Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Hobbie; Planning Board attorney Ryan Miosek was absent.

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 3, 2019, e-mailed to the members. Dusenbery moved to approve the minutes as written. Feury seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0.

The only correspondence received was a notice (filed) from the Otsego County Planning Department, regarding the September 13 filing of a first lot split by James & Margaret Wolff.

Chairman Huntsman asked if anyone had a conflict with tonight’s applicant. No one responded.

Chairman Huntsman asked if anyone from the public had a comment on a non-agenda item. Steve Baker, Chief of the Fly Creek Fire Company, explained their desire and need to replace their existing copy-change sign with an LED sign similar to the Cooperstown Fire Department’s. The new sign would measure about 3x6 feet (18 square feet), slightly smaller than the current one.

Chairman Huntsman read aloud from Article V (sign regulations) in the *Land Use Law*. It says, among other things, that a free-standing sign may be up to 32 square feet in the Hamlet Business district. Zoning Enforcement Officer Hobbie said that the New York State Department of Transportation would have no say in the matter. Walter Dusenbery moved to authorize Hobbie to issue a sign permit. Rosemary Brodersen seconded the motion and it was approved, 5-0.

The Board moved on to the application.

APPLICATION

Jonathan Svahn (Michelle Barry/Jon McManus) – Site plan review, addition of border fence within 100 feet of Otsego Lake in RA1 district – 6765 State Highway 80 (#69.60-1-14.00)

No one appeared on behalf of this application. Chairman Huntsman read aloud from an e-mail exchange he had with representative Michelle Barry, questioning the need for site plan review on this application. The Board discussed the absence of regulation on fences, but agreed that site plan review is necessary on this application.

OTHER BUSINESS

Zoning Enforcement Officer Hobbie had no formal report, but discussed situations of interest. For one, it was brought to his attention that Redpoint Builders is

operating as a Home Occupation, but does not meet the appropriate definition. Chairman Huntsman said that they should submit a site plan application for a special permitted use (Service Trade Establishment).

Ted Feury said he had attended the September 11 Town Board meeting as Planning Board liaison, and had presented the Planning Board's proposed definitions. The Town Board offered criticisms of these. Lynn Krogh is assigned to serve as liaison at the October 9 Town Board meeting. Clerk Bill Deane said he would remind her.

Deane discussed the November 12, 2019 agenda, noting the date change due to Election Day. The only potential returning applicant is Svahn. Hobbie said there were a couple of building projects near Canadarago Lake which eventually would come before the Board.

With no further business, at 7:52 PM Walter Dusenbery moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Deane, Planning Board Clerk