

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

Minutes

Date: June 17th, 2019

Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York

Board Members: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, Edwin Stevens, and Doyle Shaver, Jr.

Interim Town Attorney: Javid Afzali (not present)

Code Enforcement Officer: Jeff Pine (not present)

Board Members Present: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, Edwin Stevens, and Doyle Shaver, Jr.

The Planning Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dorothy Verch at 7:00 pm. Chairperson Dorothy Verch led the pledge to the flag.

New Business:

Dorothy Verch filled in the board regarding the addition of AT & T to the South Westerlo cell tower. The addition of AT&T to the So Westerlo Tower does not need Planning Board approval, it has FCC and needs no municipal approval. The Building Inspector, Jeff Pine, did not feel comfortable approving the addition to the tower since he was not familiar with the initial tower application. He requested that an engineering firm review the application.

Hiring an engineering firm requires an escrow account. Our Town Law only allows the engagement of an engineer and the activation of an escrow account if the application is introduced by the Planning Board. The Acting Supervisor asked the Chairman if the application could be brought before the Planning Board, with no ruling, so that the hiring of an engineering firm and the activation of the escrow account could be achieved. The Chairman agreed to 'pass-through' the application so that the engineering firm of Ingalls Engineering would be able to review the application. The Acting Supervisor had CEO, Jeff Pine, forward the application for review by Ingalls Engineering. The Review was read at the meeting. Tom Diederich, Chief of the Westerlo Fire Company, was present to provide the background information on the initial tower application. The tower was initially approved for 4 carriers and the height was 120'. The Fire Company chose to install only a 100' tower and only one carrier. Now

AT&T is petitioning the Town to install their equipment. There was no vote taken because FCC supersedes municipal authority.

Old Business:

We discussed what the maximum height should be for solar arrays. It should be at a maximum height of 15' unless a variance has been approved for a special use permit and then the maximum height can be 20'.

Dotty discussed CDRPC Workshop sessions and mentioned that she needs the amount of training hours the board obtained.

We discussed other ways to notify the public of public hearings. It was mentioned that we can put a sign up at the property location, post notice at the transfer station, library, post office, bank, P & L's, M & B's, & post a draft agenda of upcoming meeting on town website.

Joe Shanahan, representative of Medusa Solar & WesterloNY 01 Solar dropped of the stamped plans and we received the stamped plans for the Liebhaber subdivision.

Connor from the Shepard West project will give tours of the property.

Pilot agreements for Shepard East and West and Costanza Solar have been approved. The WesterloNY 01 and Medusa projects will be next to be negotiated between GCS and the Town of Westerlo Assessor, Town Board representative.

Richard Kurylo made motion to adjourn the meeting and Doyle Shaver, Jr. seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Bungay
Planning Board Clerk