

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

**Minutes**

**Date: October 27<sup>th</sup> , 2020**

**Location: Westerlo Town Hall, Westerlo, New York**

**Board Members: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, and Edwin Stevens**

**Town Attorney: Javid Afzali – not present; Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator: Jeff Pine –not present**

**Board Members Present: Chairperson Dorothy Verch, Gerry Boone, Richard Kurylo, and Edwin Stevens**

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.

The board reviewed minutes from September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Richard Kurylo made motion to accept the minutes; Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

The Planning Board has changed its meeting dates from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>.

It was brought up by Dotty Verch that salaries are being restored for the Planning Board.

Old Business:

First Item: Dotty Verch opened the public hearing for application #20-003, David Ziminski, 63 Strawberry Lane, Westerlo, NY, tax map #161-1-19. David Ziminski present and is requesting a special use permit for a ground based residential solar energy system with over 400 square feet in collector size. Mr. Ziminski is being represented by SunCommon. There was a concern regarding stump removal on the property. Per the DEC representative, the soil disturbance due to the removal is less than 1 acre so no further investigation is needed. No abutters present. Richard Kurylo made motion to close public hearing; Gerry Boone seconded it. Type 2 action, no further determination needed. Richard Kurylo made motion to approve the application; Dotty Verch seconded it. Gerry Boone-aye-Edwin Stevens opposed.

Second Item: AT & T, application #20-001, is requesting a special use permit for a 25' tower extension to Barnside cell tower, 6419 State Route 32, Greenville, NY tax map #164-1-11.1. George Santoire present on behalf of Airosmith Development. They are in the process of completing the list of items requested by Dave Ingalls, the Town's engineer. They suggested using a drone for the visual test instead of a crane. Dave Ingalls present on Zoom said the drone is a reasonable approach for the visual. Richard Kurylo made the motion to accept that AT & T use the drone option for the visual test depicting 25' extension of the town to 169'; Gerry Boone seconded it. All members present in favor. The visual test to be scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-1 pm with November 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am-1 pm as a backup date in case of inclement weather. Mr. Santoire will be sending letters to abutters within 1000 feet of site. Notification to be placed in the Altamont Enterprise and the Greenville Pioneer with the test dates.

Third Item: Landscape options for WesterloNY01 and Medusa Solar; Raymond Hanna representative for Ameresco-They will be planting Green Giant Thuja trees that grow 3 feet a year. Need to verify that they are deer resistant and suggest a mixture of species of trees.

New Business:

First Item: Discussion regarding Nugent Solar. Ted & Hope Nugent have property on Johnny Cake Hill Road, and they want a commercial solar project which is in the Berne Knox Westerlo School District. Project currently on hold until the expiration of the current Land Use Moratorium effectively in place.

Richard Kurylo made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and Gerry Boone seconded the motion. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Bungay  
Planning Board Clerk