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Town of Westerlo
Planning Board
Westerlo, NY 12193
Planning Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: October 12, 2021

Location: Westerlo Town Hall

Board Members: Dorothy Verch, Richard Kurylo, Edwin Stevens, Beau Loendorf, Gerard Boone,

Town Attorney: George McHugh

Code Enforcement/ Zoning Enforcement: Jeff Pine- not present

Deputy Town Supervisor: Matt Kryzak

Non Planning Board members present: Planning Board Clerk Britta Biggs, Town Board Member Joseph Boone and eleven (11) other interested residents.

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Planning Board Member Kurylo made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting. Mr. Loendorf seconded all were in favor.

AYES: 5 NAYS:0

OLD BUSINESS

BEERS SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP 21-4) at 7:03 PM

Due to the Town of Westerlo passing new Solar Laws on August 11, 2021, there is no longer a need for a Special Use Permit for the Beers project at 608 County Route 404, Westerlo NY, 12193. The next meeting for the Zoning Board of Appeals will give the final decision for the Variance of the Solar Array.

CARKNER SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP 21-3) at 7:10 PM

Chairwoman Verch read the regulations that M&D Farms has for their Event Venue. The proposed sight is located at 420 County Route 404 Westerlo, NY 12193. This was for concerned neighbors that attended this meeting to hear. Mrs. Carkner is still awaiting word from Department of Transportation (DOT) about parking on the premises. Some neighbors expressed their concerns about the number of events, types of events, noise, activities, pollution and other concerns that they had. Some were worried about guests leaving the venue sight and ending up in the woods or having accidents due to impaired driving. Mrs. Carkner indicated that

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the venue was only going to hold weddings, and that there would be no sleeping over on the property, no fireworks or loud booms. It was also indicated that she would put rope up along her property line to try to keep her guests from wandering onto neighboring properties. A couple of neighbors expressed concerns about the sound of the generator that would be used to power the luxury port-a-potties. Their concern was the sound that would be produced from that. Town Attorney McHugh expressed that he wanted to reach out to the Town Engineer for some advice concerning the proposed venue sight. There were questions on if a noise test could be conducted. Mrs. Carkner indicated that she would try to have more information for the Board at the next meeting.

PAVLICIN SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SPU 21-5) at 7:43 PM

Due to the changed in the Town Solar Laws made on October 11, 2021, there is no need for there to be a Special Use Permit for the installation of the ground mount that will be located at 77 County Route 405 in Westerlo, NY. The applicant withdrew their application for Special Use Permit.

NO NEW BUSINESS

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

With changes in the Local Laws, the filing fee will no longer apply for filing certain types of permits. The Town will now impose a \$10.00 fee PER Abutter. This is to cover the costs of mailing Abutter Letter through Certified Mail.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Planning Board Member Stevens motioned to close the meeting at 8:01 P.M. Planning Board Member Kurylo seconded; all were in favor.

AYES:5 NAYS:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Britta Biggs

Planning Board Clerk