

Town of Bethany
Regular Planning Board Meeting
February 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Planning Board Members in Attendance:

Chairman, Francis Brunner	Linda Jackett,	Daniel Street
Tim Leary	Ramon Cipriano	James Phillips
Secretary, Deborah Donnelly	Members Absent: David Carli	

Town Officials in Attendance:

Town Supervisor, Carl Hyde,	Town Clerk, Debbie Douglas
Town Councilman Walter Wenhold	Thomas Douglas, CEO/ZEO
Genesee County Dept. of Planning Director, Felipe Oltramari,	

Other Attendees:

Ryan Storke with CEC Energy,
Mary Volpe, Debbie Laird, Pat Brunner, Dianne Fowler, Chris Krtanik

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Brunner at 7:30 PM.

The minutes of the January 2015 Planning Board meeting were previously emailed to each board member for them to review. Chairman Brunner asked if there were any questions and or corrections to the minutes as received. A motion by Linda Jackett was made to approve the January minutes as received, seconded by Daniel Street. Motion carried with all voting Aye!

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

McCormick Farms Special Use Permit AV1501 – Chairman Brunner turned the floor over to T. Douglas, CEO/ZEO for review and explanation of the Permit. Noted by Douglas that McCormick Farms already has a special use permit with SED and is site specific and has encountered a site location problem and needed to make a change as to location, so he must do another Special Use Permit. It was noted that this Permit is exactly the same as the first permit with the exception of location and that they are working with Ryan Storke from CEC Energy. ZEO Douglas went through and showed the board the new location and that the collapse zone is still within the required feet and still meets all requirements. This is the same Turbine and same size as before just relocated to a different spot. Some questions were raised by attendees as to what the requirements were and if the Planning Board has them in the Zoning Law for Bethany? Chairman Brunner said that they do have quite a few new and revised laws that have been turned over to the Attorney for review and will have to look into which ones they are and see what is needed for the future. Some explanation of what the requirements are was given by ZEO Douglas and also some input was given by Ryan Storke from CEC Energy to satisfy the questions. With some discussion motion was made by Ramon Cipriano to approve the Special Use Permit #SUP1501 with recommendation of approval to the Town Board, seconded by Francis Brunner; motion carried with all voting Aye!

Chairman Brunner opened the floor up to any other questions or concerns: Attendee, Chris Krtanik wanted to talk to the board about a meeting in Bennington that he attended in regards to a Farmer in Bennington that was spreading sludge from a sewer treatment plant and this was being done without the knowledge of the town and that the Town of Bennington is now in legal works with that farmer. Mr. Katanik also noted that Attorney Dimateo was also at this meeting and that they had a professor from Cornell University that spoke and explained the hazards to the public. Mr. Katanik was wondering if the Bethany Planning board would introduce

the idea of having the same professor from Cornell come out and do the same presentation to the Planning Board in order to keep the Board and the Community up to date and aware of what is going on around us. Meeting was then turned over to Genesee County Planning Director, Felipe Oltramari for his presentation of Mixed Use Zoning & Form Based Codes. It was noted that this is what the Town of Stafford has done and what the Positive and Negative of doing this is. It is suggested by Felipe that Bethany may think about a form base code. It was turned to the public with any questions. Some questions were raised and answered. Meeting was then turned back over to Chairman Brunner. Chairman Brunner thanked Felipe for coming out and doing the presentation.

Chairman Brunner asked if anyone had any further business and noted that there were none.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Daniel Street to adjourn, seconded by James Phillips; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

The above meeting minutes constitute the writer's understanding of the items discussed, decisions/directives rendered, and follow-up required. Please contact the writer within five (5) days of the issue date with any corrections and/or additions hereto. Otherwise these minutes are accepted by all parties present to be accurate.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Donnelly
Planning Board Secretary