

TOWN OF BETHANY

REGULAR PLANNING BOARD MEETING

04 May 2006

Chair Williams opened the May 4, 2006 Regular Planning Board Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Planning Board Members in Attendance were:

Bill Williams, Chair
Ramon Cipriano
Jim Phillips
Ken Wilson

Dave Carli (7:43 p.m.)
Francis Brunner
Dan Street

Town Officials in Attendance were:

Louis Gayton, Supervisor
Bill Gick, Councilman

Joyce Fleming, Councilwoman
Tom Douglas, ZEO/CEO

Attendees to the Meeting were:

Jason Haremza, G/FLRPC

MINUTES

Minutes of the April 6, 2006 Regular Planning Board Meeting were reviewed. Chair Williams requested that it be noted that the extension mentioned applied to the moratorium.

Also noted that the recommendation of approval of the comprehensive plan was to the Town Board and that it was to include all other changes approved in April of 2005.

A motion was made by Ramon Cipriano and seconded by Bill Williams to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2006 Regular Planning Board Meeting with the noted changes. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Jason Haremza – G/FLRPC – Storm Water Management Grant

Presented preliminary review of the Town's local zoning law and the storm water management law which was adopted in 1994.

Noted that in 2003 the state laws became more strict and require land owners to acquire permits from the DEC if they are disturbing one acre or more for construction activities. Any activities associated with the day-to-day activities of agriculture are exempt.

The town has three choices:

Do nothing.

Repeal the existing Storm Water Management Law and rely on the state laws.

Update the current local law to refer to the Blue Book (State Law).

Liability is a factor for the Town if it continues to have any sort of local law.

Mr. Haremza noted that any municipality that was not required to have a local law has not adopted one. Urbanized communities are required by law to adopt a Storm Water Management Law.

Noted that he cannot extend the grant period (expires June 30, 2006) however; since the town contributes to the G/FLRPC it is eligible for a certain amount of free service. This would allow Mr. Haremza to help the town further without cost.

It was also noted that the Water Quality Coordination Committee will be holding a meeting with Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation that is to include all towns.

The Bethany Town Hall was offered as a meeting place.

It was suggested that the meeting be held on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with no dinner.

Mr. Haremza will coordinate with George Squires of Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation to set this meeting up.

The storm water management issue was tabled until after this meeting was held.

The comprehensive plan will be reviewed at the next meeting. Board members were asked to bring specific questions to be addressed.

Wind Turbine Study Committee Update – Ramon Cipriano

A conference call meeting was held with UPC Wind engineer, Scott Reynolds on May 3, 2006 as part of the Wind Turbine Study Committee meeting.

A few points from the conservation with Mr. Reynolds include:

Tip speed is five times the wind speed. Average tip speed is 150 mph which is 17-20 rpm. This falls well below the threshold for epileptic seizure.

The cables from tower to substation would be buried approximately 36-42 inches deep and would carry 100 amps or 30-35 volts. ZEO/CEO Douglas noted that the company would have to follow the National Electrical Code where the cables are concerned.

The towers are grounded for lightening strikes.

Radio interference is a work in progress. Much of the work cannot be done until the towers are cited and adjustments are made at that time.

The footers contain approximately 100-125 cubic yards of concrete.

Noise was addressed. When the turbine is turning the ambient noise of the wind covers much of the sound that the turbines make. When the wind is not blowing the turbines are not turning and therefore there is no noise.

Ice throw from the blades was discussed. The ice forms in sheets and generally sheds to the ground beneath the tower.

Earth quake was discussed however no definitive answers were given.

Load weight of vehicles delivering the components was discussed. This weight is substantial for the roads currently in town.

Site Plan Review – Michael Adams

Mr. Adams is asked to label the buildings as to their use for town records.

A motion was made by Francis Brunner and seconded by Dave Carli to approve the site plan submitted by Michael Adams for the construction of a barn for the purpose of housing livestock. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Bill Williams – Yes
Ramon Cipriano – Yes
Jim Phillips – Abstain
Ken Wilson – Yes

Dave Carli – Yes
Francis Brunner – Yes
Dan Street – Yes

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Phillips and seconded by Dave Carli to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The motion passed with All In Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie L. Douglas
Planning Board Secretary