

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board

Wednesday July 7, 2021

Sandy Creek Town Hall

Members present: Tom Ready, Larry Rice, Frank Dixon, Richard Machemer, Pat Machemer, Bill Joyce, Sybil Cummins

Others present: Shirley Rice, Ross Rabetoy II

Frank Dixon made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting on 6/2/21, seconded by Rich Machemer and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report: \$11,169.31 in the checking account and \$164.48 was paid out to the IRS.

At 7:00 pm, the regular meeting was brought to order by Bill Joyce as Secretary/Treasurer as no Chair nor Vice Chair were available.

Correspondence. CEO John Howland provided a report for the Board to review and a poster from Peggy Rice stating Sandy Creek Historical Center will be opened every Friday 10 AM to 2 PM.

Due to the departure of the Chair, Shirley Rice and the change of position of Bill Joyce from Vice-Chair to Secretary/Treasurer, a reorganization of the Board Officers was required. Elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair were held among the voting members. Bill Joyce nominated Larry Rice to the Chair position and Tom Ready seconded the nomination. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Bill Joyce nominated Frank Dixon for Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Richard Machemer. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

List of officers:

Chair - Larry Rice

Vice Chair - Frank Dixon

Secretary & Treasurer - Bill Joyce

Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins

Under New Business, Shirley Rice asked to be put back on the Planning Board as a regular member representing the Village of Sandy Creek. The matter will be presented to the Village Board at their next meeting in August.

Bill Joyce said that the Planning Board computer died and lost everything. He took it to Rich Ruffos, who, after three days was able to revive it at a cost of \$255.00. In the next budget application, there will be a line item to replace the computer as it has never been truly functional.

The Board began a Sketch Plan Conference for Finishing Touch 2, a proposed business for RV and trailer maintenance, repair and parts supply. It was the Board's intent to do both the Sketch Plan and Site Plan review. However, it became clear that the application was incomplete with multiple pieces of information missing. The Board did review the available material, including the 239 Review, the SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Form and the Oswego County Agriculture Data Statement. The Board did create a record of the mandatory Sketch Plan Conference. Mr. Rabetoy was informed that the Application for Site Plan review was incomplete and that he would need to provide the completed paperwork for the next meeting of the Board on August 2, 2021 in order to continue.

The Board then read line by line through the Planning Board By-Laws Revisions. The major changes to the Bylaws include:

1. A shift to a seven member Board (from an eight member Board) to include either 3 members from the Village and 4 from the Town, or 2 members from the Village and 5 members from the Town.
2. A statement that in the event a member misses the monthly meeting, they will not be paid for that meeting.

The revised Bylaws will be presented to both the Town and the Village at their upcoming meetings. It is expected that an attorney from the Association of Cities and Towns will have to review the document for legal issues and terminology.

Tom Ready presented a written resignation asking to be reinstated as an Alternate Member with no salary or pay when he returned in the Spring of 2022. As the bylaws, revised or otherwise, states that a Member or Alternate MAY be paid, this would appear to be a valid request.

Bill Joyce attended a discussion earlier in the week with Hunt Engineering out of Rochester NY representing Northern Solar, CEO John Howland and Mayor Lynn Miller from the Village. The discussion focused on the issues to be expected from a proposed solar farm to be located in the Village of Sandy Creek. The location of the solar farm will be directly behind the home of Shirley & Don Rice. There will be a Sketch Plan Conference concerning this project at the next meeting of the Planning Board. Shirley and Larry Rice were both admonished to consider recusing themselves (in the event that Shirley Rice is reappointed to the Board by the Village) from any involvement in the project, as a conflict of interest, particularly in Shirley's case, would truly present a problem in the event of a negative declaration from the Board at the end of the process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm upon a motion by Larry Rice and seconded by Frank Dixon. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins