

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Sandy Creek Town Hall

Members present: Larry Rice, Frank Dixon, Bill Joyce, Richard Machemer, Pat Machemer, Sybil Cummins and Shirley Rice

Chair Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pat Machemer made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/1/21 as presented, seconded by Shirley Rice. All voted in the affirmative and the motion was passed.

Bill Joyce gave the Treasurer's report noting that the only expenditures were for salaries and EFTPS of \$164.48 for the past month. The account holds a balance of \$3994.52. Bill further reported that now that we are into a new fiscal year and the budget has been passed, he would proceed to purchase a new computer for the Board as soon as one meeting the Board's requirements has been identified. This will include an external drive for monthly backup of all pertinent files to DVRW discs.

Correspondence includes the annual report from the Sandy Creek CEO John Howland, an invitation to the AOT 2022 Annual Meeting and Training School in Manhattan, NY February 20 – 23, 2022, and an invitation to attend the Tug Hill Commission 31st Annual Local Government Conference on April 19, 2022 at the Turning Stone Resort. There was no interest in either of the invitations and the CEO report was passed member to member for review.

Bill Joyce asked the Board if they would support a purchase of new envelopes for the Board as the old envelopes were entirely sealed by the humidity of the past summer. The request met with unanimous approval.

The scheduled training, Renewable Energy and Land Use from a Tug Hill Commission workshop dated 10/27/20 proceeded as planned. It was all useful information given the rapid increase of Solar Farm projects in our area. At the end of the information section, the Board took the quiz provided and received a grade of 100%. A certificate of completion was printed and will be provided to the Town office.

Frank Dixon asked about the status of the local laws for Solar and Wind energy projects. Bill Joyce will look into where we stand and will report on this at the next meeting.

A short discussion followed concerning the February meeting. Bill Joyce proposed that if no business is before the Board, that we proceed with the completion of our 2022 training requirements. It was agreed that we would tentatively schedule the required NYS Sexual Harassment training if we have no other official work to be done.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Larry Rice and seconded by Pat Machemer to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins