

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Sandy Creek Town Hall

Members Present: Frank Dixon, Richard Machemer, Pat Machemer, Bill Joyce, Sybil Cummins

Absent: Shirley Rice (illness), Larry Rice (business)

Also attending: Charles Skellen

Frank Dixon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

A brief discussion of the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2024 found no changes were necessary. A motion was made by Frank Dixon to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Pat Machemer and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Correspondence included: A report by John Howland of Building Permits issued dated 8/1/24 to 8/31/24, the minutes of the meeting by the Town Board dated August 14, 2024.

Bill provided a treasurer's report with monthly expenditures for salaries of \$92.35 per Board Member and a check to Bill Joyce for \$438.66 as Secretary/Treasurer and a payment to EFTPS for \$164.48. A remaining balance totals \$8,683.14. A deposit from the Village of Sandy Creek towards the Planning Board annual budget was made on 9/6/24 in the amount of \$3,336.95.

A discussion of member re-appointments followed. Both Bill and Richard are due to be reappointed in October. Bill will request that they both be reappointed for the two months of November and December of 2024. Sybil was reappointed at the last meeting of the Town Board for the period of October to the end of December, 2024. All three members shall be appointed to three year terms at the Town Board meeting in December 2024 to begin on 01/01/2025.

There followed a discussion concerning the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Bill had contacted the Regional Planning Board and emailed with Allison Perry who was enthusiastic about giving their help on the Comp Plan update. A very rough estimate of cost was placed at \$50,000 to \$70,000 for the project to be completed in 2025. Charles Skellen entered the discussion and said that he would be willing to do the Comp Plan update for no cost. He had brought with him the survey questions that were used in the creation of the first Comp Plan. He asked that we review the questions, update, add or delete as we thought fit, and to proceed as quickly as we can. Mr. Skellen stated that some simplification of the Plan would be a benefit, perhaps removing some of the history, information about other geographic areas such as Syracuse and Rochester and focusing on the Town of Sandy Creek, the Village of Sandy Creek and the Village of Lacona. Bill stated that he had not yet approached the Village of Lacona for their participation in the update. Bill will pursue this over the course of the next month. Bill and Charles will present all of this to the Village and Town Boards at their next meetings.

Mr. Skellen also provided the Board with a proposed Local Law concerning Short Term Rentals (SRTs). It is a very rough draft; however, it deserves our attention. This is a growing concern, especially for the Sandy Pond area. Rentals accommodating 6 to 8 people may have a large impact on the septic problems that have come to light over the past few years. Mr. Skellen has included in this draft language concerning Septic System Certification and Water Conservation. Mr. Skellen and Bill will present this to the Town Board at the next Town Board Meeting.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Frank Dixon to adjourn, seconded by Bill Joyce. All voted in the affirmative and the motion carried. The Planning Board adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sybil Cummins, Recording Secretary