

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Sandy Creek Town Hall

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

Larry Rice opened the regular meeting of the Board at 7:00 PM.

Bill provided the Treasurer's report. The only check issued was to Bill for \$346.31 with a check to the IRS for \$57.81 with a remaining balance of \$4,845.08 in the account. As there was no meeting in February 2023, no checks were issued to Board members. This prompted a discussion concerning the Planning Board Bylaws and payment of Board members. The Board decided to amend the Bylaws to state that: "In the event of a meeting being canceled due to weather or other emergency, Planning Board members will be paid at the regular rate for the canceled meeting." Bill will discuss this amendment with both the Village Board and the Town Board at their upcoming meetings next week.

Correspondence included the minutes of the Sandy Creek Town Board meeting dated 12/14/22, 12/29/22, 1/11/23 and 2/8/23; The History Center reports for January and February 2023; Town of Sandy Creek 2022 Annual CEO Report; A flyer from the Office on Aging concerning services available within the County.

A brief discussion followed concerning minimum lot size in the Town of Sandy Creek. A variance was recently adjudicated by the Board of Appeals concerning the subdivision of a lot into 2 parcels, both of which would not meet the minimum lot size per Town law. Mike Kastler of the Board of Appeals had approached Bill asking if the Town Law might be amended for minimum lot size pointing out that the most significant factor is the 100 foot distance requirement from well to septic on any lot. With the installation of a Town water system, this well to septic distance becomes moot, provided the lots created have access to the Town water system. The Planning Board concluded that changing the minimum lot size is not in the interest of the Town and tabled the discussion.

Copies of the Sandy Creek Comprehensive Plan were distributed and a discussion concerning updating the plan ensued. Bill expressed concern that the Board may lack the knowledge and ability to properly update this significant document. The Board has decided to take the next month to read through the Comprehensive Plan and mark up those areas which will require attention, particularly in terms of the impact of 2020 Census figures. It was noted that in his research to date, Bill had found that grant applications for the creation of a Comprehensive Plan offer up to \$100,000.00 towards the project. This is significantly above the amount spent in 2012 for the creation of the current document.

The Board then reviewed all of the changes proposed for the Village Solar Law. Each of the proposed changes were reviewed individually and approved by the Board to be recommended to the Village at their next meeting March 6, 2023.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Sybil Cummins and seconded by Larry Rice to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins