

**Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board  
Wednesday, July 6, 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 6/1/22 as presented, seconded by Frank Dixon. All voted in the affirmative and the motion was passed.

Correspondence included the minutes of the Town Board meeting dated 5/11/22, a report from CEO John Howland of recent activity in his office, a report from the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association dated 6/16/22 detailing their recent activity, a report from the Sandy Creek History Center, a registration form for the 2022 Fall Planning and Zoning Schools Registration with locations and fees for upcoming classes, a copy of the Tug Hill Times publication dated 6/3/22 and "et-cetera" a publication of unknown origins with topics from across New York State.

Bill Joyce gave the Treasurer's report noting that the only expenditures were for salaries of \$92.35 per board member and \$438.66 for Bill Joyce and EFTPS of \$164.48 for the past month. The account holds a balance of \$9,407.10. Bill also stated that the Village Board has passed their budget and that the check for transfer of funds into our account was to be signed by the Board this evening.

A discussion followed concerning the proposed moratorium for solar farms in the Village of Sandy Creek. The final draft was presented to the Village Board this evening with a request that they hold a Public Hearing to consider the Moratorium at their next meeting in August. This was agreed to and Bill will attend the meeting to defend the proposed local law as needed. Notice of a public Hearing will be sent out to the press and placed online at our website for the Village.

The Village Board has asked that the Planning Board to look into updating the Comprehensive Plan as it is now almost 10 years old and should be reviewed. The Planning Board will begin the process in the near future.

Bill suggested that should no immediate business come to the Planning Board's attention (i.e. site plan review or other action) that the Board not hold a meeting in August and save the Town and Village some money. All agreed to this idea.

The Planning Board then proceeded to take a 1.5 hour online training course entitled "Planning Board Overview" provided by the NYS Department of State. It was successfully completed. Copies of signed completion as well as a print-out from NYS Dept. of State will be delivered to the Town and Village Clerks for recording. This completes the annual training requirement for the Board for 2022.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Bill Joyce 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