

Coxsackie Town Planning Board
Monthly Minutes
October 5, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bruce Haeussler at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance sheet for members was signed. Chairman Bruce Haeussler, Hal Beaumont, JoAnn Conway, Bill Whitbeck, Richard Bruno were present. Betty June Cure and Frank Gerrain were absent. Minutes from the September meeting were not available for approval.

1. Tyrone Chapman from Sleepy Hollow presented consolidated Survey maps to be signed by the Chairman.
2. David Morgan Consulting Engineer – in reference to the Stacey Road Solar Project. The total area will be less than 5 acres. Dave is just here for an update. Wetlands area has been revamped and they are currently waiting for an approval from DEC to proceed. Awaiting on a Nationwide Permit to proceed with proposed plans. DEC will comment on the SEQR paperwork, and after approval, Consulting Engineering firm will be able to submit for Nationwide Permit. They also will need an asbestos release from the property, which contains the Mayforth Barn. It is said that the house foundation may still be on the property.
3. Mary Barkman spoke as to the Solar Farm that is being proposed on her property on MurdersKill Road in Coxsackie. The company, Cypress Creek is not ready to proceed as of yet. May not be back to the Planning Board until December.

With no further public to come forward, the Chairman spoke of his background. Bruce plans to be here for 3 months to fill out the term left behind by the resignation of Don Meier. He would like to do more communication with board members, utilize e-mail more, construct an agenda for each meeting, and have all members more aware of what is going on. Town Councilman Mike Veeder is the liaison between the Town and Planning boards. Bruce would like to work with the Town in establishing guidelines, rules, and or ordinances for Solar Farms. Chairman will speak with Town Attorney Joan Tailleir to review any new ideas. The current basic local law was implemented from another town. The Comprehensive plan in place is about 10 years old and needs to be brought up to speed.

Chairman will start using e-mail to keep people in the loop. He would like to establish an agenda for meetings. He will also be assembling a list of paperwork necessary for applicants to have filled out before they appear in front of the Planning Board.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion by Bill Whitbeck and a second by Rich Bruno to adjourn the meeting was passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Submitted by Dawn Smith, Planning Board Secretary