

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11th 2024
 In person, HSC Conference Room, Canton / on Zoom

I. Call to Order

- a. **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum.** K. O’Neil called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. A roll call was held; a quorum was established.

	NAME	ABSENT	PRESENT		NAME	ABSENT	PRESENT
1.	Ken Bellor		X		Staff:		
2.	Kim Bisonette		X		Jason Pfothenauer		X
3.	Don Chambers		X		Preston Santimaw		X
4.	Priscilla Darling	X			Guests:		
5.	Daniel Fay		X				
6.	Margaret Finen	X					
7.	Laura Foster	X					
8.	Ed Fuhr	X					
9.	Andy Gilbert (Secretary)		X				
10.	Dan Huntley		X				
11.	Margaret Mauch		X				
12.	Robin McClellan		X				
13.	Kitty O’Neil (Chair)		X				
14.	Julia Rose (Vice-Chair)	X					
15.	Cherrie Shatraw		X				
	Total		10/15				

- b. **Adoption of the Agenda.** O’Neil asked if there were changes to the agenda. Pfothenauer stated that there were no changes. The agenda was unanimously adopted (Gilbert/Shatraw).

- c. **Adoption of the June 13th Meeting Minutes.**

The minutes were unanimously adopted (Shatraw/Huntley).

II. Public Forum

None.

III. Project Reviews

Pfothenauer asked if the Board wanted to review referrals pursuant to MOU before the trainings. Gilbert and Shatraw agreed to change the agenda order as they made the motion and the second to adopt.

- a. **Referrals Returned Pursuant to MOU.** Pfothenauer highlighted details for projects listed in the MOU list and the Addendum. The following was discussed:

Pfotenhauer: The Canton (V) use variance was referred to staff as a use variance but is actually going to the ZBA for interpretation. It was removed from the item list after the MOU was sent out.

McClellan: Is the bar too close to the church on Court St.?

Pfotenhauer: No, it complies with the 200' setback requirement to the entrance.

- b. **Full Reviews.**
None.

IV. **Planning Board Training Session**

- a. Staff delivered presentations on the ORES decision for the Rich Rd. Solar application and the NYSERDA grant program for co-located solar and agriculture projects.
- b. Rich Rd. Application – Santimaw presented. Board members discussed:
 - i. How did the Town not file the petition for party status correctly?
 - ii. How can the Town benefit most from the host community agreement?
 - iii. How will a PILOT or tax benefit the taxing jurisdictions?
- c. Recently reviewed projects update:
 - i. McClellan gave an overview of the Catamount Ridge Rd. quarry project that this board reviewed in May. He stated the public has expressed concerns with the quarry's practices and that the Town of Stockholm Planning Board is working on compromises that can benefit the quarry operation and the public interest.
 - ii. Pfotenhauer gave an update on community solar projects in the Town of Canton. Mauch expressed concerns with visibility from the project at 295 State Highway 310.
- d. NYSERDA Grant Program for Co-located Solar and Agriculture Projects – Pfotenhauer presented a summary of the program and where it is applicable.

V. **Reports**

- a. **Executive Committee.** O'Neil reported that the executive committee met to discuss the training topics and MOU List.
- b. **Board of Legislators.** Fay reported:
 - The BOL has modified some County budgets.
 - The BOL has discussed migrants at some recent meetings. Fay expressed his desire for educating County residents on the implications of the issue.
- c. **Highway Department.** Chambers reported:
 - The Highway Department received over \$7 million in Bridge NY grants.

- Recent flooding has impacted County roads. Emergency repairs will be underway next week. Alerts have been put out to Emergency Services for road closures.

d. **State of the County Roundtable.**

Pfotenhauer reported:

- The NYS DEC has cited North Lawrence Dairy for discharge into Deer River.

e. **Staff Report.** Pfotenhauer reported:

- Staff have been working to secure more funds for broadband from Northern Boarder Regional Commission.

- Staff work on comprehensive plans for Hammond and Heuvelton is ongoing.

VI. Other Items

a. **Correspondence.**

None.

b. **Announcements.**

None.

c. **Next meeting dates.**

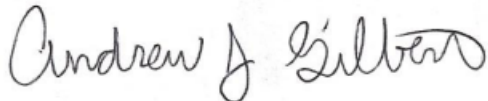
i. Executive Committee: Thursday, July 25th, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

ii. Planning Board: Thursday, August 8th 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Second Floor Conference Room located in the HSC building, 80 State Highway 310, Canton NY.

VII. Adjourn

a. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm (Huntley/Shatraw).

Respectfully Submitted,



Andy Gilbert, Secretary

Minutes prepared by P. Santimaw