

Town of Columbia
Annual Planning Board Meeting

January 18, 2023

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its annual meeting on January 18, 2023 at the Town Building.

Members Present: R. Bayzon, R. Fagan, P. Kidder; D. Rubin; B. Warner-Davis; alt. J. Hotaling

Absent: None

Others Present: Clinton Carroll, Nathan Seamon, John Sweetman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman R. Bayzon.

P. Kidder made a motion seconded by R. Fagan to approve the Board's 2023 slate officers nominated at the December 2022 meeting and approved by the Town Board at their January 2 Organizational Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board Chair for 2023 is Ronald Bayzon, Vice Chair D. Rubin, Secretary P. Kidder. R. Bayzon was re-appointed to be the Board's Agricultural Representative. J. Hotaling was appointed the Board's Alternate. D. Rubin was appointed to another five-year term on the Board ending December 2027. Other member terms: P. Kidder 2023; R. Fagan '24; R. Bayzon '25; B. Warner-Davis '26.

Members signed the Town's Code of Ethics and Oath-of-Office as required for 2023.

Members reviewed the Planning Board's By-Laws and agreed to add a paragraph taken from the NY State Planning Federation's Model By-Laws about making recommendations to Town Board for filling Planning Board vacancies.

Planning Board Goals for 2023:

The Board agreed on the following goals to be pursued in 2023:

1. Remain abreast of developments concerning EDF Renewables' proposed Columbia Solar and Storage proposals.
2. Attempt to keep abreast of regional solar energy projects and proposals.

3. Gather and file information for reference about drones and municipal drone use regulatory actions.
4. Gather and file information for reference about issues related to Short-Term Rentals and pertinent community regulatory initiatives.
5. Track for reference the spread and regulation of cannabis businesses across NY State.
6. Work to improve Board and Community communications through supporting improvements to and the increased utility of the Town's web site. Discussed were making Town laws, rules, regulations and application forms available through the site, and obtaining approval from the web master to post Planning Board minutes,

Board Discussion: None to report.

Public Comment: None to report.

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Kidder
Secretary

Copy: Town Board, Planning Board Members and alternate, ZBA Chairman, Codes Enforcement Officer.