

Town of Columbia
Regular Planning Board Meeting

April 19, 2023

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 19, 2023 at the Town Building.

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

Absent: R. Fagan

Others Present: Nate Seamon, John Sweetman

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairman Bayzon.

Planning Board minutes Regular Meeting held March 15, 2023 were approved as presented.

Chairman's Report: Distributions

A how to document on accessing Herkimer County Land records

Announcement of the Herkimer County IDA Public Hearing in regards to the
Uniform Tax Exemption Policy Purposed Amendment

Training Opportunity for May 25, 2023 at HCCC by Herkimer-Oneida Counties
Comprehensive Planning Program. Topic - GML 239 Referral Process

Communications and Reports:

1. Draft minutes of the Town Board's April 13, 2023 meeting were routed. Of note, the Town's resolution on the One Year Moratorium Law on Solar Energy Development in the Town of Columbia, Local Law 1 of 2023. was approved. Also, a motion was made and passed approving Deborah Kidder as a member of the Planning Board and will serve as secretary.
2. D. Rubin shared the following:
 - OD Article Solar Energy Role in Oneida County
 - PennySaver article by Concerned Citizen of the Town of Columbia
 - Talk of the Town magazine article, Energy Storage Technology and Municipal Zoning Codes
3. No reports from R. Donley, Codes and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Possible methods for receiving reports were discussed.

Old Business:

1. EDF Columbia Solar Project: Reminder of EDF Presentation, May 9, at Francesca's Banquets 144 E Main St, Ilion, NY 13357— Open House 5-6, Presentation and Q&A and Open house or questions 7-8.
2. Town-wide Solar Proposal Survey: As of April 19, 2023 receipt of 342 surveys, Tally will be conducted April 23 by D. Kidder, G. Doremus and P. Hooker. Surveys received after that date will be entered into the tally total.

New Business:

1. Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan: Assignments were reviewed
 - B. Warner-Davis- wildlife, transportation, community facilities
 - D. Rubin-history and historic sites
 - R. Bayzon- agriculture, maps
 - D. Kidder- demographics, locate previous digital copy of Comprehensive Plan
 - other assignments TBD
2. Richard Reichert, GIS Coordinator, at Oneida Herkimer Counties Comprehensive Planning Program has provided an estimate for a variety of maps that might be used in the town's comprehensive plan. R. Bayzon will be future contact.
1. Need to emphasize the long held goals of maintaining the rural character of the Town of Columbia considering the movement towards the development of large scale renewable energy efforts.

Board and Public Discussion:

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Next meeting: May17, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder
Secretary

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