

Town of Columbia
Regular Planning Board Meeting

April 17, 2024

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 17, 2024 at the Town Building.

Members Present: R. Bayzon; D. Rubin; B. Warner-Davis; R. Seamon; D. Kidder; S. Dievendorf, alternate

Absent: None Others Present: None

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman R. Bayzon

Minutes of the Planning Board regular meeting held March 20, 2024 were approved as presented.

Chairman's Report:

1. Chairman Bayzon received request from Town of Columbia Zoning/Codes Officer R. Donley regarding the need to inform the Herkimer County Planning Board of a small business submission on State Route 28 and Hoffman Road. The Planning Board suggests forwarding this question to the Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program for advisement.
2. Regarding query by Chairman Bayzon for length of time Planning Board records need to be maintained, D. Kidder reported that records be kept indefinitely as per recommendation by the NYS Association of Towns.

Communications and Reports:

1. Minutes of the Town Board's March 2024 meeting were not available for review as not posted on town's website. D. Kidder reported items presented at the meeting.
2. D. Rubin reported on the following articles:
 - "Litchfield Approves Solar Fram Plans," 4/17/24 - *West Winfield Star*
 - "Many area municipalities websites lacking" 4/4/24 - *Rome Sentinel*

Old Business:

1. EDF Columbia Solar Project: No report

Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan:

1. D. Rubin shared Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (HOCCPP) map of historic structures. Planning Board reviewed and recommended adding historic sites to the map. Included in the Comprehensive Plan will be a listing of historic structures, sites and markers.
2. D. Rubin and R. Bayzon will present suggestions regarding map for Comprehensive Plan to HOCCPP. regarding maps.

New Business:

Review and recommendation by the Planning Board to the Town of Columbia Board for Town of Columbia Local Law No. 1 of 2024, Columbia Solar Energy Facilities Local Law. (enclosure)

Board and Public Discussion: none

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting: May 15, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder

Secretary

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