

Town of Columbia  
Regular Planning Board Meeting

March 20, 2024

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 20, 2024 at the Town Building.

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

Absent: None      Others Present: None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman R. Bayzon

Minutes of the Planning Board regular meeting held February 21, 2024 were approved as presented.

Chairman's Report:

1. Chairman Bayzon received call regarding Gelston Castle property subdivision (property straddles Columbia-Warren town line); owner wanted permission to subdivide Town of Warren portion, which would land-lock the Town of Columbia portion
2. Questions arose concerning the length of time planning board records need to be kept. D. Kidder will follow up with contact to the Association of Towns or others.
3. Chairman Bayzon asked that members confirm receipt of emails amongst board members.
4. Chairman Bayzon noted contact with Town of Warren Planning Board Glenn Armstrong. and noted that communication between other neighboring planning boards is definitely a positive.
5. S. Dievendorf to determine possibility of folding large survey maps in Planning Board records.

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. Chairman Bayzon reported items presented at the meeting.
2. D. Rubin reported on the following articles:
  - "NY Planning Federation Annual Conference," 4/7-9, at Saratoga (NYPF)

- “Developers Pull Out of Raquette Lake Microgrid Project” (battery storage facility)  
-*Adirondack Explorer* 2/26/'24)
- “Former Town Supervisor to Be Honored” (Dan Sullivan to receive NYPF community service award at annual conference )– *Freeman’s Journal* 3/14/'24)

Old Business:

1. EDF Columbia Solar Project: No report
2. Solar Working Group: New version of Town of Columbia Solar Law will be presented by the Town Board for public review. Chairman Bayzon questioned how the process of of an application review will be determined. Content should be compared with Comprehensive Plan revision to verify compatibility.
3. Drone data- no report

Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan:

1. Herkimer Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (HOCCPP) maps reviewed on smart board with adjustments to maps suggested and compiled.
2. Previous Comprehensive Plan had thirty hard copy printings.

New Business: none

Board and Public Discussion: none

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Next meeting: April 17, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder

Secretary

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