

Town of Columbia
Regular Planning Board Meeting

June 19, 2024

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 19, 2024 at the Town Building.

Members Present: R. Bayzon; D. Rubin; R. Seamon; D. Kidder; S. Dievendorf, alternate

Absent: B. Warner-Davis Others Present: J. Burke

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman R. Bayzon

Minutes of the Planning Board regular meeting held May 15, 2024 were approved as presented.

The members discussed the timeliness of posting Planning Board minutes.

Review and decision regarding possible subdivision: presented by J. Burke, landowner

To determine if the division of Tax Map Parcel 131.2-1-62.1, owned by Bradley P. Burke, Jr., and James C. Burke, at 1004 Millers Mills Road, West Winfield, NY 134981, is considered a subdivision. By unanimous decision of the Town of Columbia Planning Board, the division of this parcel is not considered a subdivision. For the record, Chairman Bayzon signed the survey map.

Chairman's Report:

1. No report from the Town of Columbia Zoning/Codes Officer R. Donley.
2. Chairman Bayzon reported information he received from his attendance to the training, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Subdivision Review and Area Variances, sponsored by the Herkimer Oneida Counties Planning Program.

Communications and Reports:

1. Minutes of the Town Board's April 2024 meeting draft minutes are on line for review.
2. D. Rubin presented the following:

The Town of Columbia Board meeting of June 6, 2024. Notice of the Public Hearing regarding Town of Columbia Local Law No. 1 of 2024, Columbia Solar Energy Facilities Local Law will be on on July 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Also, Town of Columbia Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at

the Town Building to hear an appeal for an area variance - 5/6/12/2024- West Winfield Star.

3. D. Rubin attended a meeting, Update to Local Citizenry, given in the Town of Litchfield on May 30, 2024. Information was relayed concerning Solar and Wind Renewables and the inefficiency of costs of large scale projects.

Old Business:

1. EDF Columbia Solar Project: No report

Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan:

2. D. Kidder and R. Bayzon have reviewed other NYS Comprehensive Plans regarding demographic data. Demographic data is used when considering a town's goals in a Comprehensive Plan.
3. R. Bayzon presented updated data for the agriculture section for the Comprehensive Plan. The information is from the Herkimer County Agriculture Census of 2022. Possible changes and additions to the agriculture section were discussed.

New Business: none

Board and Public Discussion: none

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Next meeting: July 17, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder

Secretary

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