

Town of Columbia
Regular Planning Board Meeting

December 20, 2023

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 20, 2023 at the Town Building.

Members Present: R. Bayzon, D. Rubin, D. Kidder, R. Fagan, B. Warner-Davis

Others present:

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

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

Chairman's Report:

1. No report from Ray Donley, Town of Columbia Zoning Codes Enforcement Officer
2. Councilman Reed offered to introduce to the Planning Board the smart board and computer system. Password and keys will be received.
3. Reinforcement of the need for four hours of training prior to reappointment of planning board members. D. Kidder did two hours on line in December in addition to two hours in May to fulfill the requirement for the coming year. The Town of Columbia Planning Board Secretary will keep records of trainings and report to Town of Columbia Town Clerk. B. Warner-Davis attended a four hour webinar, Safeguarding Water Resources Through Local Wetland and Stream Protection, provided by the NYS Planning Federation and the Hudson River Estuary Program.
4. Chairman Bayzon distributed flyer for 2023-2024 Winter Webinar Trainings

Communications and Reports:

1. Town Board's draft minutes for December 14, 2023 reviewed. The request by the Planning Board for an advertisement was read under communications by the Town Clerk. The decision by the Town Board was to have the topic reviewed by the Town Board in 2024.
2. The following articles were presented:

- Advertisements by newly elected Town Supervisor Nate Seamon in the West Winfield Star and Pennysaver for all positions in the Town of Columbia that will need to be filled due to expired terms and anticipated vacancies.
- Town Topics article on drones
- Town of Schuyler public notice “ Special election will be held for citizens to vote on lease of town lands for solar project.”

Old Business:

1. Columbia Solar- nothing to report
2. Town of Columbia Solar Working Group- D. Kidder reported the group is revisiting the entire document prior to admission to lawyer Ben Wisniewski.

Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan:

Members reviewed the introduction of the comprehensive plan. Rewording and additions were discussed. D. Rubin and D. Kidder will develop changes to be made.

New Business:

Recommendations by the Planning Board to the Town of Columbia Town Board for the following positions: R. Bayzon for Chairman and D. Kidder for open position.

The Planning Board members thanked R. Fagan for his years of service on the Town of Columbia Planning Board.

Board and Public Discussion: none

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Next meeting: January 17, 2024 for the regular meeting and the annual organization meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder
Secretary

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