

Town of Columbia  
Regular Planning Board Meeting

October 18, 2023

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

Members Present: R. Bayzon, D. Rubin, R. Fagan, B. Warner-Davis, alternate J. Hotaling  
Others present: S. Dievendorf, N. Seaman

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

Planning Board Regular Meeting minutes, September 20, 2023, were approved as presented.

Chairman's Report:

1. No report from Ray Donley, Town of Columbia Zoning Codes
2. Training Opportunities: Will attend training regarding flood mitigation at MVCC.

Communications and Reports:

1. Town Board's draft minutes for October 12, 2023 not received.
2. Utica Observer Dispatch will no longer be delivered as of 10/2023. Chairman Bayzon cancelled subscription.
3. It was noted that the new Sept./Oct. issue of "Talk of the Towns & Topics" is the planning and zoning issue.

Old Business:

1. Columbia Solar- nothing to report
2. Town of Columbia Solar Working Group- no report
3. Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan:
  - Agriculture Census will not be available until February
  - Chairman Bayzon will check with Herkimer BOCES for printing of Comprehensive Plan
  - Jeff Rehler, Associate Planner at HOCCPP, has been assigned to our project. He and his team will review the current version and make recommendations. Rick Reichert, GIS Coordinator, sent sample maps to illustrate possible uses, e.g. land use. A suggestion was made to include a map showing locations of utilities in the town.
  - Distribution of Survey Results- no plan

New Business:

1. Training on new smart board/computer is to be planned

Board and Public Discussion: none

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: November 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder  
Secretary

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