

Town of Columbia  
Regular Planning Board Meeting

August 16, 2023

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 16, 2023 at the Town Building.

Members Present: R. Bayzon, D. Kidder; D. Rubin, R. Fagan, B. Warner-Davis, J. Hotaling, alternate

Others Present: Sandy Dievendorf, Jim Burke

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Bayzon.

Planning Board Regular Meeting minutes, held August 19, 2023, were approved as presented.

Required action taken: Request for lot extension at tax map parcel 131.2-1-62.2, Town of Columbia by James and Antonia Burke, 937 Millers Mills Road, West Winfield, NY. By unanimous decision, the Planning Board resolved that the proposed extension of 1.219 acres is a continuation of the parcel and not a subdivision. Map signed by Planning Board Chair R. Bayzon.

Chairman's Report:

1. No response from Ray Donley, Town of Columbia Zoning Codes
2. Draft minutes of the Town Board's August 10, 2023 meeting were routed. Review of expenditures and revenue of Town of Columbia as presented at Town Board meeting.
3. 9.3 Town of Columbia Hazard Mitigation document as part of county wide plan made available. Last one done in 2017 and Town of Columbia is working to update.
4. Specialized Training for Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Members and Codes Enforcement Officers to be held in Old Forge on September 27.

Communications and Reports:

- D. Rubin shared the following:
  1. Observer Dispatch: *Recycling The Old Solar Panels Getting New Life* on 8/3/2023.

2. Adirondack Explorer article: *Governor's Interagency Working Group to Address Battery Energy Storage Safety*

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Town of Columbia Comprehensive Plan:

- D. Rubin set to meet with R. Reichert at Oneida-Herkimer Counties

Comprehensive Planning Program to develop map of designated historical sites.

Public Comment: S. Dievendorf presented documents available for community members regarding EDF Columbia Solar Project including map of proposed leased properties.

Board and Public Discussion: Need to review Planning Board budget needs.

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: September 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder  
Secretary

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