

WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

- 1) Workshop: 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Call to Order: 6:58 p.m.
- 3) Roll Call & Determination of Quorum
 - a) Members Present: Tom Jarrett-Chairman, Ted Bigelow-Vice Chairman, Bob Liebig, Lee Comar, Tom Kearney, Howard Hunt and John Pedersen (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)
 - b) Members Not Present: Rick Percoco
 - c) Staff from Washington County LDC: Tori Riley, President
 - d) Other attendees: Jeffrey Shea, Pauline Johnson, Stefanie Bitter, Jacki Chamberlain, Kevin Chamberlain
- 4) Approval of Minutes- December 13, 2011
 - Motion: To approve as presented
 - Moved by: Bigelow Second: Comar
 - Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Ayes: 6
 - Carried: Yes
- 5) Communications: No discussion
- 6) Report from the Chair and Discussion:
 - a) The Board would like to commend Lee Comar on his editorial that was published in this week's Post Star.
 - b) 2012 Elections:
 - Motion: Appoint Ted Bigelow as Chairman
 - Moved by: Comar Second: Hunt
 - Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 7
 - Carried: Yes

 - Motion: Appoint Lee Comar as Vice-Chairman
 - Moved by: Jarrett Second: Bigelow
 - Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 7
 - Carried: Yes

 - Motion: Appoint John Pedersen as Secretary
 - Moved by: Comar Second: Bigelow
 - Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 7
 - Carried: Yes
- 7) Old/Unfinished Business: None
- 8) New Business
 - a) GML Reviews:
 - i) Town of Greenwich – The referral review was for ‘Granting Area Variance’ to replace an existing one car garage with a new three car garage. Jeffrey Shea was present to represent the project which requests a 5ft. side yard variance, as the new garage will be moved from 0ft. to 5ft. in on his property. The Board did not have any concerns regarding this project and found it to be a matter of local concern.

Granting Area Variance
Applicant: Jeffrey Shea
Location: 2355 State Route 29
Motion: Matter of Local Concern

Moved by: Bigelow Second: Comar
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 6
Carried: Yes

- ii) Town of Greenwich – The referral review was for ‘Granting Area Variance’ to construct an Energy Star carriage house and cottage residence within 25ft. of National Grid easement. Jacki and Kevin Chamberlain were present to represent the project. There was a discussion regarding where the septic would be placed for the new structures to which Mrs. Chamberlain referred to a submitted map to show the answer to these questions. The Board asked about National Grid’s involvement to which Mrs. Chamberlain replied that they had been contacted regarding the project but had not responded. The board did not see any County impact and therefore found this project to be a matter of local concern with comment.

Granting Area Variance
Applicant: Town of Greenwich
Motion: Matter of Local Concern w/comment
Comment: The County Board suggests taking into consideration that the carriage house facade faces the Battenkill.
Moved by: Bigelow Second: Comar
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 6
Carried: Yes

- iii) Village of Hudson Falls – The referral review was for ‘Adopting a local law’ creating Local Law number 1 of 2012 Creation of Chapter 202 to be titled “Vehicles, Off-road Recreational”. This chapter is being added to provide regulations in the code which will address the operation of off-road recreational vehicles in the Village. The Board found this matter to be of local concern with comment.

Adopting a local law
Applicant: Village of Hudson Falls
Motion: Matter of Local Concern w/comment
Comment: If there are any subsequent changes made to this law, the County Board would recommend re-submitting it before enacted.
Moved by: Bigelow Second: Hunt
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 6
Carried: Yes

- vi) Village of Hudson Falls – The referral review was for an ‘Amendment of a zoning ordinance’ amending Chapter 215 “Zoning” to add section 215-64 entitled “Outdoor Storage”. This section is being added in order to regulate the outdoor storage of recreational and utility trailers in the Village. The Board found this matter to be of local concern with comment.

Adopting a local law
Applicant: Village of Hudson Falls
Motion: Matter of Local Concern w/comment
Comment: If there are any subsequent changes made to this law, the County Board would recommend re-submitting it before enacted.
Moved by: Bigelow Second: Hunt
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 6
Carried: Yes

9) Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

Moved: Jarrett Second: Pedersen
Motion: To Adjourn
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 7