

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2016

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Town of Dickinson Planning Board was held on the 25th day of August, 2016, in the Town Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York. Chairman Wasser called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Wasser, Doyle, Kirkland, Ford

Members Absent: Hamburg

Also Present: Marinaccio, Kie, Leach, Hulbert, Giarratano, McLoughlin, Rafferty

Regional Agricultural Center and Taste of New York
840 Upper Front Street
Site Plan Review

Vicky Giarratano, Executive Director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension stated that the project will involve expansion of the existing farm house and the removal of several of the existing buildings and greenhouse. The center will house agricultural center and Taste of New York where local vendors will sell produce locally grown or produced. There will also be classrooms for organic growers, a conference room and space for classes and labs for SUNY Broome and SUNY Binghamton students.

She stated that this will compliment the recently opened Farmer's Market . The normal hours will be 8 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and will be closed Sundays. She stated that the building has been designed with the Farmer's Market in mind and will blend in nicely with other buildings on the lot and the gardens.

Gene Hulbert and Melisa Leach from Hulbert Engineering presented the site plan and building drawings and elevations of the proposed building. The addition to the building will not be located in the 100 year flood plain and the basement floor of the existing building will be raised to above flood elevation. Concerns over the parking were discussed as well as other concerns that were raised by the County review of the project.

Member Doyle stated that this is a great project for the Southern Tier and the Town of Dickinson. Supervisor Marinaccio and CPW Kie also stated that this is an exciting and attractive project for the Town.

Member Doyle made a motion to approve the site plan with the condition that the project receives final approval from the State Historical and Preservation Organization. Member Ford seconded the motion and Member Wasser, Ford, Kirkland and Doyle voted Aye. The site plan was approved by a vote of 4-0.

The Agency
5 South College Drive
Rezoning and Preliminary PUD Development Plan Recommendation

Mr. Kevin McLoughlin, Executive Director of the Agency, was present to present plans for a new office building to be built adjacent to the SUNY Broome campus. In order for the project to be built, it was necessary for them to apply for a rezoning change and receive approval of the PUD development plans. The building funding was mainly obtained from a grant from Senator Libous and will consist of a 7,000 square foot building that will house The Agency, Broome Chamber of Commerce, AM&T, Visions Credit Union, and an incubator.

The project has received SHPO approval and The Agency is awaiting final approval from the New York State Dormitory Authority. Member Doyle stated that this also is great project for the Town and the region. Supervisor Marinaccio stated that he was excited to hear that the Chamber of Commerce is excited about relocating to the new facility.

Member Doyle made a motion to recommend to the Town Board that the leased portion of the property be rezoned from R-1 to Planned Unit Development-Light Industrial. Member Kirkland seconded the motion and all members present voted Aye.

Member Doyle made a motion to recommend approval of the Preliminary PUD Development Plan. Member Kirkland seconded the motion and all members present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Rafferty
Secretary