

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MEETING OF JULY 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town of Dickinson Planning Board was held on the 24th day of July, 2023 in the Town Meeting Room, Town office Building, 531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, New York. Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Ford, Sands, Morello, Mickelson, and VanHouten

Also Present: Code Enforcement Officer Doyle, Councilman Burns

Visitors: Tim Gourley Tract Engineering, Patrick Doyle Village of Port Dickinson Resident, Jordan Marchuska Marchuska Brothers Construction, Maureen Wilson Pyramid Brokerage

Chairman Ford referenced the conditional approval of the Citizens Solar Project Decommissioning Plan dated June 26, 2023 voted on at the June meeting. This was approved subject to Town Attorney review. Chairman Ford presented a copy of the June 26th plan with the attorney's red line comments and noted that all comments have been included in a revised Plan submission dated July 10, 2023. This was previously e-mailed to the Board members. Board members had no questions or comments on the final July 10th submission. Chairman Ford asked for a motion to approve the final July 10th dated Decommissioning Plan. Motion was made by member Sands and seconded by member Morello. Vote was all in favor and passed.

Chairman Ford referred to a recent training session sponsored by the Broome County Planning Unit that included a section intended to assist local municipalities in managing solar development. This included issues that should be included in the local solar law and the importance of coordination of this law with the community goals identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Ford asked if the meeting visitors had any questions or comments for the Planning Board. Tim Gourley asked if the Board could provide any update information on the current solar moratorium. Member VanHouten advised that the special committee set up to review current Town solar laws has completed its review and has forwarded the committee recommendations to the Town Board. Visitor questions continued as to when the Town Board may act on these recommendations and when they may be made public. They were referred to the next combined work session/regular meeting of the Town Board on August 21st.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting was made by member Morello and seconded by member Sands. All in favor. Motion passed.

For member topics, Chairman Ford brought up his concern on posting of meeting minutes within the required Open Meetings Law requirement of within two weeks of the meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for August 28th is noted as to be determined subject to agenda items. Chairman Ford requested that work on assigned Comprehensive Plan update sections continue.

Motion to adjournment made by member Sands and seconded by member VanHouten.
All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.