

GREENE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of March 19, 2014 Meeting

Attendance was taken at 6:30 PM. Members present and absent were:

Present:

Thomas Poelker, Windham
Erik Allan, Ashland
Eva Atwood, Catskill T
Jim Dymond, Prattsville
Elizabeth Hansen, Cairo
Anthony Paluch, Athens T
George Carroll, Durham
John Cashin, New Baltimore
Harold Goldberg, Hunter V.
Mitchell Smith, Catskill V.

Absent:

Herman Reinhold, Athens V.
Lee McGunnigle, Tannersville
Arnie Cavallaro, Greenville
Robert Hermance, Lexington

Also in attendance were Chris Hack of Tannersville, Jen Cawein of Lexington, and Ed Diamante of the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning.

Vice Chairman Allan called the meeting to order at 6:40.

On a motion by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Cashin, and with all in favor, members approved the minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting.

Officers' elections were conducted as follows:

Mr. Diamante entertained nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Poelker nominated Mr. Allan; Ms. Hansen seconded the nomination. With all in favor, Mr. Allan was elected chairperson.

Chairman Allan entertained nominations for Vice Chairperson. Ms. Hansen nominated Mr. Dymond; Mr. Poelker seconded the nomination. With all in favor, Mr. Dymond was elected Vice Chairperson.

Chairman Allan entertained nominations for Secretary. Ms. Hansen nominated Mr. Diamante; Ms. Atwood seconded the nomination. With all in favor, Mr. Diamante was elected Secretary.

The Board considered the following planning and zoning referrals:

14-2 Town of Catskill, No Decision: special use permit/site plan review regarding renovation and reoccupation of a 34-room hotel and restaurant on a 9.3-acre parcel along State Route 23A. A motion by Mr. Dymond seconded by Mr. Goldberg, and

with all in favor (except Mr. Cashin, who abstained), failed due to lack of the required ten votes.

14-3 Town of Greenville, Approve: special use permit/site plan review/Variance regarding the construction of a 2,010 sq. ft. standalone Dunkin Donuts on a 0.9 acre site on the westerly side of State Route 32, directly in front of GNH Lumber. On a motion by Mr. Poelker, seconded by Mr. Goldberg, and with all in favor, members approved the referral with comments as follows:

Please note: An approval and/or local decision designation by the County Planning Board should not be construed as a recommendation that the referring agency approve the referral in question. An approval does not indicate that the County Planning Board has reviewed all local concerns; it indicates that the referral has met certain countywide considerations. Evaluation of local criteria is the responsibility of the referring agency.

14-4 Town of Windham, No Decision: Site Plan Review regarding the addition of a 860 sq. ft second floor and deck to the front of Prime Steakhouse at 5335 Main Street. A motion by Ms. Atwood, seconded by Ms. Hansen, and with all in favor (except Mr. Poelker, who abstained), failed due to lack of the required ten votes.

14-5 Town of Jewett, Approve: Site Plan Review regarding the use of an existing structure (near corner of Beacher Road, State Route 296 and County Route 23C) by C & C Excavation. The garage will be used for equipment and truck storage. On a motion by Mr. Dymond, seconded by Mr. Poelker, and with all in favor, members approved the referral with comments as follows:

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14-6 Town of Cairo, No Decision: further temporary six month moratorium on permits related to the conversion of resorts or similar business activities in the town. A motion to disapprove the referral based on the CPB's prior recommendations (13-12 and 13-29) that the town complete work within the prior moratorium period by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Paluch, failed due to lack of the required ten votes.

14-7 Town of Catskill, No Decision: zoning map that has been updated using GIS technology. A motion by Mr. Goldberg, seconded by Mr. Carroll, and with all in favor (except Mr. Cashin, who abstained), failed due to lack of the required ten votes.

A motion by Mr. Poelker, seconded by Mr. Carroll, and with all in favor was approved as follows:

RESOLUTION HONORING LAWRENCE CONNOLLY

WHEREAS, Lawrence Connolly has served on the Greene County Planning Board for over 13 years, and

WHEREAS, during those years he has represented the Town of Coxsackie (since February 2003) and Village of Coxsackie (since April 2000); and

WHEREAS, he also served as Chair from March 2010 to January 2014; and

WHEREAS, he has participated in the regular meetings of the County Planning Board with due diligence; and

WHEREAS, he has participated in the review of certain planning and zoning actions as they have come before the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, he attended various training sessions sponsored by the Greene County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, following 13 years of service, he has announced his resignation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Planning Board hereby recognizes Lawrence Connolly for his many years of service to the County of Greene, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Planning Board thanks Mr. Connolly for his service to the Greene County Planning Board.

During the course of the meeting members and others in attendance received the following 1 hour training: County Planning Board Primer on the roles and responsibility of County Planning Board members, along with a discussion of quorum and voting requirements.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Goldberg and with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Diamante, Secretary