



# MINUTES

## *Town of Binghamton Planning Board Quarterly Meeting*

Monday July 13, 2020 | 6:30pm

### **Members**

Present: Members Bill McGowan, Ray Mastin, Christopher Streno, Kathy Kiekel  
Alan Pope – Planning Board Attorney

Absent: Dave West – Planning Board, Victoria Xlander – Town Board Liaison

Both the ZBA and Planning Boards met together in the Town Board Room. A Call to Order was made and the meeting was immediately turned over to Attorney Pope who provided the quarterly Legal Corner. Mr. Pope discussed a case from the Town of Union which resulted in a lawsuit being filed against the town. In this case there were several mistakes made by the Zoning Board and there were several examples of the Planning Board and Zoning Board not working together or even communicating on the project. Specific examples were given and utilized as a teaching moment for both Boards.

At the conclusion of the Legal Corner, the ZBA adjourned and the Planning Board remained for their own meeting. Attendance was taken and the meeting began with a recognition of the Minutes from April of 2020.

There was no update regarding the Broome County Veteran's Center at the former Vestal Hills Country Club. Planning Board member Ray Mastin spoke about the two minor issues with the PDD Zoning from last year. He has made some headway getting the zoning status of the County owned property on Hance Road corrected and is still working on getting the access road to the Racquet Club moved into the highway division.

The training status of the Board Members was shared for each Member to review.



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Board Members were reminded to use the NYMIR web link to complete the mandatory annual NYS Harassment Awareness Training. It will be emailed to them again for their convenience.

The Planning Board secretary position remains open and there is no word from the town regarding the filling of the position. In the meantime Chris Streno will be responsible for communicating with the Board members and preparing the meeting Minutes.

There were no further comments or discussion from the Board or Town Board Liaison.

The next meeting was identified as Monday October 12, 2020 at 6:30pm and it was also mentioned that this is Columbus Day. Efforts will be made to move the meeting off of the Holiday.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

**Christopher Streno -Planning Board Chairman**