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Town of Binghamton Planning Board

Monday April 19, 2021 | 6:30pm

In attendance: Bill McGowan – Planning Board | Dave West – Planning Board | Ray Mastin – Planning Board | Christopher Streno – Planning Board
Michael Donahue – Town Board Liaison

Attending via Zoom: Kathy Kiekel – Planning Board | Rose Pope – Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm and attendance was taken. Four Planning Board Members were present in the Board Room (McGowan/West/Mastin/Streno) along with Town Board Liaison Donahue. Planning Board Member Kiekel attended remotely via Zoom as did Attorney Rose Pope.

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals were also present both in person and via Zoom.

No Legal Corner was presented at the meeting.

The meeting Minutes from January 11, 2021 were recognized and it was noted that they had been previously approved by the Board via email and already posted on the Town website.

Chairperson Streno contacted Michael Catalleto from Scientel Solutions to remind him of the date and time of this meeting. Cataletto responded via email and announced that they would be canceling their application and not installing on the Webb Road tower.

The training status of Members was updated and distributed including a confirmation that all Members had successfully completed the annual New York State Harassment Prevention Training and that their Certificates of Completion had been filed with the town.

An update was given to the Members regarding a remodeling project at 35 Blackstone Avenue in the city of Binghamton. The residence there is being upgraded from a 4-bedroom residential home to what appears to be a 7-bedroom Group Home.

On March 17 an email notification of the project was made to the Town of Binghamton from Tito Martinez, Assistant Director of Planning, Housing and Community



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Development for the city of Binghamton. The email was sent per General Municipal Law §239-nnn because the project is within 500 feet of the town line. The Board saw no reason to take action or comment on the project.

The Board discussed that several members have heard of potential solar projects being proposed in the near future however nothing official has been filed as of the meeting date. Nothing further from the Members or Attorney.

Town Board Liaison Donahue notified the Board that an upgrade to the town's Junk Vehicle Law would be coming soon.

The floor was opened to the public and the Board heard from Rita Enstrom of 3324 Cynthis Drive along with two of her neighbors. Ms. Enstrom spoke to the Board regarding construction and clearing taking place on Cynthia Drive and expressed the following concerns;

- A shed was potentially being built in advance of a residence.
- This location has been a right-of-way to the Kaufman property for a number of years.
- Neighbors of the area would like to be able to give input regarding any development on Cynthia Drive.
- Neighbors are opposed to the continual construction equipment being parked on the street.
- The property appears to be being run as a garage with construction equipment be parked/stored here and then going out to other locations.
- She believes they are building without the proper permits.
- She inquired if declarations that were made approximately 10 years ago regarding another project are in still in effect for this property.
- She made the Board aware that damage had been done to some FEMA work at a location at Hawthorne/Cynthia Drive after a trailer slid off the entrance while entering the property.
- She expressed concern that a large number of trees had been removed and felt that as a result, there were now water run-off issues at the location.
- Drainage is now being installed at that location and she wondered if there were Code Enforcement issues.



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Some of her questions and issues were addressed by Town Board Liaison Donahue but after the role of the Planning Board was explained, she was referred to the Code Officer,

Nick Pappas and the Town Board for the majority of her concerns. They thanked the Board for their time and the explanation of the process.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for July 12, 2021.

There was no further discussion by the Members, Attorney, Town Board Liaison or members of the public and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Streno -Planning Board Chairperson