



MINUTES

Town of Binghamton Planning Board
Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall

In Attendance: Members Kathy Kiekel | Ray Mastin | Bill McGowan | Patrick Wagner | Dave West
Gina Middleton – Attorney | Michael Donahue – Town Board Liaison

Absent: N/A

The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 PM. Attendance was taken.

Good and Welfare of Members: Recognition was given to past Board Chair Chris Streno for his service to the Planning Board. We wish him the very best in his new position as Town Justice.

Joint Legal Corner with ZBA 6:31 PM – 7:01 PM (30 Minutes)

- Gina Middleton presented a SEQR Overview since we have new board members.

Old Business – Status of Projects

- Golden Valley Views (Mill St Development): No indication that this project is moving forward
- Storage Facility Plans – (Pierce Creek Rd) Albert DiLuzio: No indication that this project is moving forward
- Ingraham Hill Solar: This is the second project proposal (first project was withdrawn) with a new Solar company. No indication that this project is moving forward.
- Vestal Hills Country Club: After Broome County withdrew its Veteran’s Facility project and re-sold the property, we have had no updates on any plans for this land.
- Powers Road Solar Farm: This project was approved by the ToB Planning Board. It has a tentative March 2025 start date for construction.
- Egan Property on Hance Rd. This is a Building Construction project on a PDD parcel. Nothing has been formally submitted.

New Business

- Introduction of new Chair & Secretary – Kathy Kiekel
- New Member introductions between Planning Board committee and new member Pat Wagner
- Review of Planning Board Members Term Expiration Dates were reviewed as noted:
 - Kathy Kiekel – Chair/Secretary & Member 12/31/25 & 12/31/27
 - Ray Mastin – Member 12/31/29
 - Bill McGowan – Member 12/31/26
 - Patrick Wagner – Member 11/19/29
 - Dave West – Member 12/31/25

- Training status of members was reviewed and all information accepted as accurate as of 01/01/2025.
- Binghamton State University – Construct New Lecture Hall Building: This document dated 12/18/2024 was reviewed by all members of the Planning Board, Legal Counsel, and Town Board Liaison. It is our opinion that this ‘Notice of Intent for Designation of Lead Agency’ was sent to the ToB Planning Board in error. The project does not appear to touch the ToB in any manner. Legal Counsel will reach out to the State University Construction Fund to notify them of the possible error.

Open to Town Board Liaison – Mike Donahue advised the Planning Board that the Town’s ‘Street and Road Specifications’ document has not been updated since 1974. The Planning Board should work with the ToB Highway Department to create a current document. Mike will get a copy of our existing document to Kathy Kiekel for distribution to all board members to review prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Open to Public – No public comments

Open to Members – A brief discussion was held regarding our existing ToB Comprehensive Plan and the need to update this document. In a subsequent review of the actual document, done after the meeting, Kathy Kiekel found that the ToB Comprehensive Plan was created in 2009 and last updated in 2017. The recommendations in the plan in state “To keep the plan current, the Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed, and amended as necessary, no later than five years after its adoption and every five years thereafter.” A .pdf file is located on the ToB Website. Kathy will also get a version that can be edited so we can start the updates this year.

Next Meeting

- Next Quarterly Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.