

Chairman Harold Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, leading board members Bob Patterson, Dale Furman, David McIntrye, Dan Larish, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Wendy Spinzua and guests (see sign in sheet) in the reciting of the United States of American Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. McIntrye to approve the July 2020 board minutes as recorded. Carried (5-0-0)

CEO Spinzua presented the July 2020 code enforcement report. Chairman Smith noted that there were 12 new building permits issued for July. Board members had no questions for CEO Spinzua. Motion by Mr. McIntrye and seconded by Mr. Furman to accept the July 2020 CEO report. Carried (5-0-0)

Old Business:

Town resident and property owner Mr. Kevin Powell and representatives from developer Solar Liberty, (who at the June 2020 presented a solar farm development, requesting that the planning board forward at Mr. Powell's request a recommendation from the planning board to the Town Board, for the removal of a section of the 2019 town law regarding Chenango gravel restrictions. Mr Powell further requested that if the planning board did not agree with his request, then would the planning board support a variance for his property), present additional site planning materials / layouts / arrays as requested by board members at the June 2020 board meeting. In addition, representatives of Solar Liberty present the monetary benefits that the Town and school district would receive.

Mr. Powell presented letters from property owners who are supportive of the solar project and maybe directly impacted by the solar footprint.

Mr. Powell and representatives of Solar Liberty resumed their request for the planning board to forward to the Town Board a recommendation to remove / amend the " Chenango gravel language " or support a variance for his property", that would allow this project to move forward.

Board member Mr. Patterson stated that the property will probably never get a variance and that Mr. Powell should be requesting the Town Board for a " overlay " review and approval from Town Board.

CEO Spinzua asked: what will happen to the private home owners solar projects if the Grid was full. Representatives from Solar Liberty stated that residential customers are allowed.

Mr. Carlson spoke on the "HDA" property tax structure is now 25 years not 15 years, during discussion on the \$40,000.00 pilot program.

Motion by Mr. Furman and second by Mr. Larish to request Town Attorney Joel Seacrest to attend the September 2020 planning board meeting to explain / discuss the town overlay law. Carried (5-0-0)

New Business: none

Any other businesses: none

Motion by Mr. McIntrye and second by Mr. Furman to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm. Carried (5-0-0).

Respectfully recording minutes by Daniel Larish

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