

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2021**

**In attendance:** TIMOTHY BRINDUSE, Village of Dansville; C. JOAN CRUNDEN, Town of Caledonia; CATHIE GEHRIG, Town of Mt. Morris; WILLIAM GRAHAM, Town of Groveland; BARRY INGALSBE, Village of Lima; JILL KALMAR, Town of West Sparta; DON KANE, Town of Leicester; APRILE MACK, Village of Geneseo; ANITA MARTUCIO, Town of Conesus; CLARA MULLIGAN, Town of Avon; ALEX PIERCE, Town of Nunda, Chairman; JARED RADESI, T. Geneseo; KAREN ROFFE, Village of Leicester; SARAH SANTORA, Village of Caledonia; JACK SPARLING, Town of Livonia

**Staff:** HEATHER FERRERO, Deputy Planning Director; MARY UNDERHILL, Planner; SHAWN ROONEY, Planning Assistant

**Members Excused:** ROBERT HAYES, Village of Avon; DAVID LUCE, Town of North Dansville; DENNIS NEENAN, Town of Lima

**Members Absent:** KEVIN FAHEY, Village of Mount Morris; JOANNE PALMER, Village of Livonia; JOHN VAN HEUSEN, Town of Ossian

**Guests:** Don Wester, Supervisor, Town of Conesus; John Yunker, Town of Livonia; Tim Beardsley, General Public

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Chairman Pierce brought the January 14, 2020, meeting of the Livingston County Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Pierce led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pierce provided an overview of New York State General Municipal Law, Section 239-l, m, & n and reviewed the rules for member participation and voting.

- Abstentions: Ms. Martuccio announced that she would be abstaining from Zoning Referral #2020-001 from the Town of Conesus.

**Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2020, County Planning Board Meeting**

Chairman Pierce asked for a motion regarding the Minutes from the December 10, 2020, County Planning Board meeting.

*A motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 10, 2020, was made by Ms. Santora and seconded by Mr. Brinduse. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Zoning Referral #2020-103, Town of Groveland, Review of Town of Groveland Temporary Large-Scale Solar Moratorium (Applicant: Groveland Town Board)**

Mr. Rooney presented the staff report. Items discussed included:

- The board commented that the Town may wish to include an additional road use agreement as part of the Decommissioning process.

- The Board discussed that the Town of Groveland may wish to include a consistent scientific documenting process of the pre-development of land / soil state to assist the return of said land / soil when the Decommissioning process occurs. In addition, this would apply to revegetation / tree replacement as well.
- Discussion of the above mentioned resulted in forwarding a comment to the Town that they consider adding regulations to require a Landscape Architecture and Maintenance Plan for Large Scale Solar applicants outlining responsible parties to maintain the land during operation and return of the land upon decommissioning.

*A motion to recommend approval of Zoning Referral #2020-103 with staff advisory comments, and County Planning Board comments, was made by Mr. Radesi and seconded by Ms. Kalmar. The motion carried. 15-0-0.*

**Zoning Referral #2021-001, Town of Conesus, Revision of the Town of Conesus Dock & Mooring Law (Applicant: Town of Conesus)**

Ms. Underhill presented the staff report. Items discussed included:

- The Board brought up a question of how the Town of Conesus classified definition of “boat.” Discussion followed on how the term could be regulated within the proposed code.
- The Board brought up a question for discussion regarding Lakeshore Business permits, and how these permits transfer or do not transfer if ownership of the property changes. This question will be noted as an advisory comment for the Town of Conesus to look into.
- The Board inquired if there were restrictions on the number of boats a property can have. Discussion followed. The Supervisor confirmed that there are regulations for this, and enhanced that commercial uses such as renting out boats are not allowed from a private residence.

*A motion to recommend approval of Zoning Referral #2021-001 with staff advisory comments, and County Planning Board comments was made by Mr. Brinduse and seconded by Ms. Crunden. Ms. Martucio abstained. The motion carried. 14-0-1*

**Zoning Referral #2021-002, Town of Caledonia, Review of the six-month extension of the moratorium on ground mounted solar energy projects greater than 15KW and battery energy storage projects greater than 20KW-hr (Applicant: Caledonia Town Board)**

Mr. Rooney presented the staff report. Items discussed included:

- The Board brought up a question, discussion followed, of how the proposed moratorium would play into a circumstance given a new / existing Article 10 / 94-C proposal.
- The Board discussed that the Town of Caledonia may wish to include a consistent scientific documenting process of the pre-development of land / soil state to assist the return of said land / soil when the Decommissioning process occurs. In addition, this would apply to revegetation / tree replacement as well.

*A motion to recommend approval of Zoning Referral #2021-001 with staff advisory comments, and County Planning Board comments was made by Ms. Roffe and seconded by Ms. Mulligan. The motion carried. 15-0-0*

**Local Announcements**

- Hug a teacher virtually
- Livingston County Bicentennial virtual events coming
- SEQR Program Presentation is online, link can be sent, and presentation can be reviewed for training credits

**Other Business / Communication**

- Alternate member upcoming
- Congratulations to Jocelyn and baby Kennedy!
- Link for new Training website: <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/673/Training>

The next County Planning Board meeting will be held on February 11, 2021.

**Adjourn**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Kalmar and seconded by Ms. Roffe.* Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, C. Joan Crunden, Secretary

Recorded by Shawn Rooney