

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2019

In attendance: TIM BRINDUSE, Village of Dansville; C. JOAN CRUNDEN, Town of Caledonia; KEVIN FAHEY, Village of Mt. Morris; 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; STEWART LEFFLER, Village of Geneseo, Chairman; APRILE MACK, Alternate #1; ANITA MARTUCIO, Town of Conesus; CLARA MULLIGAN, Town of Avon; DENNIS NEENAN, Town of Lima; JOANNE PALMER, Village of Livonia; ALEX PIERCE, Town of Nunda; JARED RADESI, Town of Geneseo; KAREN ROFFE, Village of Leicester; JACK SPARLING, Town of Livonia; KATE WILCOX, Town of York.

Staff: HEATHER FERRERO, Deputy Planning Director; MEGAN CROWE, Senior Planner; SHAWN ROONEY, Planning Assistant.

Members Excused: ROBERT HAYES, Village of Avon; DAVID LUCE, Town of North Dansville; KYLE MOTT, Town of Springwater.

Members Absent: GRAHAM FRAZER, Town of Sparta; JOHN VAN HEUSEN, Town of Ossian.

Chairman Leffler brought the July 11, 2019, meeting of the Livingston County Planning Board to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Neenan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Leffler provided an overview of New York State General Municipal Law, section 239 l, m, & n and reviewed the rules for member participation and voting. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from the June 13, 2019, County Planning Board Meeting

Chairman Leffler asked for a motion regarding the Minutes from the June 13, 2019, County Planning Board meeting.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 13, 2019, was made by Ms. Kalmar and seconded by Ms. Roffe. Mr. Neenan abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Referral #2019-57, Village of Livonia, Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit for an Automotive Repair Shop at 32 Commercial Street (Applicant: Gott Holdings, LLC)

Ms. Crowe presented the Staff Report. Discussion was held on the following:

- The presence of the property in the 100-year floodplain and existing culverts under the property.
- Possible noise issues. Are there any additional uses/types of auto work happening?

- The number of parking spaces vs. the number of bays - Whether an area variance might be needed for parking.
- Details on the height of the bay doors.

A motion to find that Zoning Referral #2019-57 had no significant countywide impact was made by Mr. Ingalsbe and seconded by Ms. Roffe.

Approve Motion	Do Not Approve Motion	Abstain
Brinduse, Tim	Crunden, C. Joan	Palmer, Joanne
Gehrig, Cathie	Fahey, Kevin	Sparling, Jack
Graham, William	Mack, Aprile	
Ingalsbe, Barry	Mulligan, Clara	
Kalmar, Jill	Neenan, Dennis	
Kane, Don		
Leffler, Stewart		
Martucio, Anita		
Pierce, Alex		
Radesi, Jared		
Roffe, Karen		
Wilcox, Kate		
Approve Motion = 12	Do Not Approve Motion = 5	Abstain = 2

The motion failed to secure the number of votes required to pass. No additional motions were made.

The Village will be notified that the County Planning Board did not have the required number of votes to make a recommendation of Approval or Disapproval, and a copy of the staff report will be sent along for their information.

Zoning Referral #2019-48, Town of York, Zoning Text Amendment to add professional services offices as Specially Permitted Uses in the Hamlet Residential Zoning District (Applicant: York Town Board)

Mr. Rooney presented the Staff Report. There were no comments or questions.

A motion to approve Zoning Referral #2019-48, with staff comments was made by Ms. Crunden and seconded by Mr. Radesi. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Referral #2019-47, Town of York, Rezoning 19 acres on Main Street from Planned Development (PD) to Agricultural (A) (Applicant: York Town Board)

Ms. Crowe presented the Staff Report. Discussion was held on the following:

- Whether the property was rezoned previously. The property was zoned Planned Development (PD) when the softball fields were installed.
- There is agriculture on the property now.

A motion to approve Zoning Referral #2019-47 with staff comments was made by Mr. Neenan and seconded by Mr. Fahey. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Referral #2019-49, Town of York, Rezoning three parcels on Route 63 from Hamlet Commercial (HC) and Hamlet Residential (HR) to Commercial (C) (Applicant: York Town Board)

Ms. Crowe presented the Staff Report. There were no comments or questions.

A motion to approve Zoning Referral #2019-49 with staff comments was made by Mr. Radesi and seconded by Ms. Martucio. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Referrals #2019-52, #2019-53, #2019-54, #2019-55, Towns of Avon, Leicester, York & Livonia, Moratorium prohibiting large scale battery energy storage system installations for a period of one year (Applicant: Towns of Avon, Leicester, York & Livonia, respectively)

Mr. Rooney presented the Staff Report. Discussion was held on the following:

- Explanation of battery storage and examples throughout the United States.
- Battery storage facilities can be mobile or permanent. They can be accessory to energy generation projects (solar/wind/etc.) or stand alone.
- Battery storage facilities have been proposed for Horseshoe Solar Project in Caledonia from the beginning.
- NY State Climate & Community Protection Act sets targets for renewable energy.
- Board commended the towns for looking forward.
- European systems are looking at biodegradable batteries.
- There are also battery storage facilities in repurposed shipping containers stacked in rows. The facilities can be located anywhere along a power line.
- Is this happening because Ginna Nuclear Power Plant is being phased out?

A motion to approve Zoning Referral #2019-52 with staff comments was made by Ms. Roffe and seconded by Mr. Radesi. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve Zoning Referral #2019-53 with staff comments was made by Ms. Gehrig and seconded by Ms. Kalmar. The motion carried with 18 members approving and Ms. Roffe abstaining.

A motion to approve Zoning Referral #2019-54 with staff comments was made by Mr. Neenan and seconded by Mr. Kane. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve Zoning Referral #2019-55 with staff comments was made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Brinduse. The motion carried with 17 members approving and Ms. Palmer and Mr. Sparling abstaining.

Local Announcements

- West Sparta has music concerts outside the Town Hall every Friday night in the summer. July 27 is West Sparta Old Fashioned Days.
- Geneseo has music concerts outside in the Village Park on Friday nights during the summer.
- York Valley Fest is July 27.
- York Historical Society is celebrating the Town's bicentennial with a Tastings through Time dinner on September 7 at the Hillcrest Estate.
- This is Invasive Species Awareness Week in NY State. There was a walk and talk on 7/10, and four invasive species were identified in Mount Morris.
- Caledonia has a Draft Horse Festival on July 27 and a Wine Walk on August 2.
- Be mindful that farm machinery is out on the highways. The equipment must avoid hitting mailboxes and may ride to the left of their road lanes where there are mailboxes along the road.
- The birth of Mr. Mott's baby was announced. The Board sends its congratulations.
- Ms. Wilcox will be adding to her family within the next nine months.
- The County Planning Board meeting rooms now have buttons on the wall that can be pushed in case of an emergency.

Other Business

The next County Planning Board meeting will be held on August 8, 2019.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Brinduse.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, C. Joan Crunden, Secretary

Recorded by Heather Ferrero, Deputy Planning Director