

TOWN of COCHECTON PLANNING BOARD

January 25, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of January 25, 2024, was called to order by Chairman Earl Bertsch at 7:30 p.m. welcoming everyone present and especially welcoming new board member, Jeffrey Nober who currently on vacation.

Board members in attendance included Earl Bertsch, George Blaso, Frank Kratz, Jeff Neidert, Robert Smith and George Walter. Absent – Nober. Attendees in attendance were Jared Kratz, Sheila Schultz and Tim Gottlieb, Engineer.

The Planning Board Minutes of December 28, 2023, were approved without exception by Robert Smith and seconded by George Blaso.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Bertsch explained that he had phone interaction with Amit Tibe, Project Manager for Solar Farm Project this week and reportedly someone would be present at this meeting representing the project. (No one is present). In addition, two (2) applications have been received which were identical in the documentation. (The first application was received 11/22/2022 and the second application was received 08/22/2023). On December 29, 2023 two (2) application fee checks of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars has been received. (These checks have been deposited - one in the general account and the other in the escrow account). Since the second application is a duplicate of the first of which attorney Jacob Billig represents the project, the Planning Board needs to secure legal representation for this project.

The said property is zoned agricultural and has been used to plant/harvest corn.

Following discussion, the following is to be submitted:

1. A revised, updated signed Application needs to be submitted.
2. A survey & topographic map of the parcel, including delineation of NYSDEC Wetlands.
3. A full Site Plan for the facility, and any applicable construction details.
4. A full Environmental Assessment Form.

NEW BUSINESS:

50 Westervelt Road - (3) lot minor subdivision proposed by Frederico DeSilva

Chairman Bertsch explained his interaction with Mr. DeSilva and the confusion regarding being present this evening to give information regarding his intent. Following discussion, the board recommended the following to be completed before coming before the board:

1. Complete Site Plan Application.
2. Secure a surveyor's services to prepare the required map.
3. Complete a perk test in the event owner plans to build on the property.

There being no further business, the Planning Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion by George Walter and second by Jeff Neidert.

The next regular Planning Board Meeting will be held on February 29, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bertsch, Clerk

Town of Cocheton Planning Board