

**TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2019
Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building
Legislative Conference Room – Main Floor
56 Main Street, Owego, NY
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Chairman D. Chrzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Planning Board Members:

Present: Doug Chrzanowski, Mike Reynolds, Art Cacciola, Tim Pollard, Pam Moore, Grady Updyke, John Current, Sarah Titus

Excused: Georgeanne Eckley , Tim Goodrich, Rawley Filbin, Chelsea Robertson

Absent:

B. Ex Officio Members:

C. Local Officials: None

D. 239m Review: None

E. Guests: None

F. Staff: Elaine Jardine

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approval of agenda.

J. Current/T. Pollard/Carried
None Opposed
No Abstentions

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of August 21, 2019 minutes with an updated correction to paragraph 5 on page 2.

J. Current/T. Pollard/Carried
None Opposed
No Abstentions

V. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- None heard.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 239 Reviews

1. County Case 2019-014: Town of Richford, Subdivision Local Law Update, Richford Town Board

The Town of Richford Planning Board and Town Board have been working collaboratively over the past couple years to update their 2003 subdivision local law. With the advent of climate change and its weather impacts, the Town Planning Board felt it was necessary to update the law in a manner that considers how lot layouts can mitigate climate change severe weather impacts.

The Richford Planning Board has carefully drafted and considered the content of this local law update. They have received and incorporated Town Board feedback several times during the drafting process. The Town Board approved that this final draft is ready for the adoption local approval process.

Staff recommends approval of the Subdivision Local Law Update with the condition that the Town Board completes a SEQR review.

Motion to recommend approval of the Subdivision Local Law Update:

P. Moore/S. Titus/Carried	
Yes	8
No	0
Abstention	0

B. Tioga County Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

- Board members decided by consensus they would watch the video and take the quiz on their own time.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Local Bits and Pieces

1. Town of Candor – A. Cacciola

- The storm with straight-line winds that happened a few weeks ago brought down many trees, as experienced in Newark Valley as well.

2. Town of Nichols – P. Moore

- Town Planning Board has met with Lodestar Energy, LLC multiple times now for the Smith Creek Road solar project. There is still missing and incorrect information.

3. Town of Berkshire – T. Pollard

- AT&T has delayed their application for SPR for a 235-foot telecommunications tower.

4. Town of Tioga – D. Chrzanowski

- Local approvals for solar projects are wrapping up. Town officials are being strict with these developers that all their local approval requirements be accomplished before their projects get a building permit to start operations.
- Inquired about leases between land owners and farmers farming land. S. Titus said she just recently went to a CCE Broome training on this and

suggested contacting Laura Biasillo. E. Jardine will have Megan Griffiths look into this.

5. Village of Waverly – R. Filbin

- Not in attendance.

6. Village of Owego – G. Eckley

- Not in attendance.

7. Town of Newark Valley – S. Titus

- Complaints about the Farview Farms pig farms are starting again. E. Jardine stated that there has been a formal complaint now to both the Tioga County Health Department and NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets. She has been corresponding with Lisa McCafferty, Tioga County Health Department Director, on this and would continue to do so. She advocated again that this case should be referred to Bob Somers at the Agricultural Protection Unit for a reasonable and sound agricultural practice investigation and technical assistance.

8. Village of Newark Valley – M. Reynolds

- A resident survey for the comprehensive plan update, based on the Waverly survey, was sent out with responses due by 9/30.

9. Town of Owego – J. Current and C. Robertson

- No report.

10. Town of Barton – G. Updyke

- No report.

11. Town of Richford - vacant

12. Spencer – T. Goodrich

- Not in attendance.

B. Staff Report:

- EDP's new Ag Ed Dev Specialist, Megan Griffiths, started on September 3, and is working on preparing for next year's 8-year agricultural district reviews, an available farmland database, and will assist Town of Nichols official's with implementing their 2012 Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan, along with the traditional economic development tasks.
- E. Jardine has scheduled a SEQR training by LaBella Associates for October 29 at 5:30 – 7:30 PM. A flyer will be distributed when details are finalized.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Meeting October 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM in the Legislature Conference Room.
- B. Motion made to adjourn at 7:58 PM. J. Current/S. Titus/Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Jardine, Tioga County Planning Director
Economic Development and Planning