

**PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF COLTON, NY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 23, 2018**

Members Present: Chair Ed Fuhr, Laurie Thornton, Anne Townsend, Kirke Perry, Harold Granger

Members Absent: Connie Hatch-Young, Martin Avery

Public Present: Code Enforcement Officer Darren Richards

Call to Order: at 7:02 with quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Meeting: Motion made to accept the minutes from the November 2017 Planning Board meeting made by A. Townsend. Seconded by L. Thornton. All members were in favor. Motion made to adopt the agenda for this meeting made by L. Thornton. Seconded by A. Townsend. All members were in favor.

Courtesy of the Floor: Nothing at this time.

Regular Meeting: Review of the Town of Colton roads and requirements. Some residents are wanting the TOC to take over some of the back/private roads. Much discussion on the private roads with no possibility of rescue and/or emergency vehicles being able to maneuver on. Roads are too narrow etc. Residents would have to comply with the rules in the TOC Land Use Code book if the Town were to take over the roads in question.

Review of the material for the General Code for the Town of Colton. The APA accepted the new correct documents. Documents then went to the Dept of State. Now the Planning Board will be making recommendations to the TOC Town Board. General Code will then be digitized and new GC books will be made once all is finalized.

Update on the possibility of wind towers coming to the Town of Colton. South Colton is in the Fort Drum zone that blocks all wind towers. The TOC Planning Board wants to establish laws to control wind tower placement and construction in case there is a change in the Fort Drum policy regarding wind towers.

Update on Fuhr Rd/historical right of way (former Hut location). Owners of the right of way are not happy that several other property owners with water rights are able to walk through their yard. The property owners hired a surveyor and a lawyer. A fence was built by the right of way owners. Property owners with rights to the water are challenging the fence. After some research CEO D. Richards found that right of ways need to be written into deeds when changing owners. TOC lawyer states that the issue is a civil matter.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: 3 permits so far for the 2018 year. One of which is going to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a possible variance, ZBA-03-2018 Crosby/Clarkson. ZBA Chair C. Hennessy asked for the Planning Boards opinion on the possible variance of .17 acres. L. Thornton made the motion of sending PB opinion to ZBA Chair Hennessy stating "the variance does not comply with the TOC LUC. However, the Planning Board would like to leave the decision up to the discretion of the ZBA." Motion seconded by K. Perry. All members were in favor.

Correspondence: Summary report for each Planning Board meeting to be sent to Colton town clerk D. Arquette before the regular monthly Town Board meeting.

Next Planning Board meeting to be held: February 27, 2018 at 7pm.

Adjournment: With no further issues for discussion motion to close the meeting made by A. Townsend. Seconded by H. Granger. All members were in favor. PB meeting closed at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Cole, Secretary