



Planning Board Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Chairman Albert Johnson, Vice-Chair Laura Bowen, Linda Baird, and Denice Thompson; Secretary Michelle Seeley, Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Hargrave.

Guests

1. Pledge/ Call to Order/ Roll Call

Minutes:

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 6:00 Pm

2. Prior Minutes

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Laura Bowen and seconded by Linda Baird Adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

3. New Business

a. SP 2023-1

Minutes:

Thomas Hargrave called the representative from Hunt Engineering Benjamin Wolfung who was not present because of a scheduling conflict.

Public hearing opened at 6:09 pm The Clerk read a comment from Dale Seeley : Say no to the Gym at BOCES it is a waste of money, all the schools served already have gyms. They didn't need a gym when he attended the school. Denise Thompson shared a comment from JoAnne Pruden. Completely understands the need for the gym. Before she retired the kids that were going to BOCES were not getting the required gym credits to graduate. Several other schools take kids to BOCES and they need to be able to use a gym . Thomas Hargrave stated that his son did not get enough gym credits to graduate with his class and had to take Summer School (Golfing) to make up the credits. Benjamin Wolfung The State is mandating this and the time to petition against the permissive referendum has passed.

This project is larger than one BOCES Campus and several are being done across the State. The application to the Planning Board is more of a formality than a necessity as the State will be Lead Agency and will do all permitting and inspections. The question about the Flood Plain Permit is because some of the utilities will be crossing the flood Plain, but again

the application is more of a formality. Laura Bowen relayed comments from Les Smith , Alisha Bablo, and other neighbors who echoed Dale Seeley's comments. They questioned the expense of a new gym versus just running an additional bus run which would be far less expensive. There are other options such as using home-room as a gym period or cutting one of the study-hall periods. After discussion the Public portion of the meeting was closed 6:24 pm. Because the State is the Lead Agency the State will complete SEQ. Denice Thompson questioned if there would be additional grant money from other sources such as Corning, Inc. applied to this project. Benjamin Wolfung stated that he did not know of any other funding other than State funds. A motion to approve the applications Site plan 2023-1 and Flood Plain 1-2023 based on the information provided was made by Linda Baird and seconded by Denice Thompson was approved by a roll call Denice -Aye, Laura-Nay, Albert- Aye, Albert- Aye 3-0 vote 1 absent.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 1

b. FP 1-2023

4. Old Business

5. Other Business before the Board

a. Appointment of Vice Chair for 2023

Minutes:

A discussion was had about who would be the Vice-Chairperson for the 2023 year.

Chairman Johnson appointed Laura Bowen as Vice-Chairperson.

The Alternate Secretary will be Linda Baird, when the Town Clerk is not available.

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment

Minutes:

Upon Motion of Albert Johnson the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0