

Pittsfield Town Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2024

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Paul Stein - Board Chairman - present
Larry Keenberg - Board Member - present
Cindy Taren - Board Secretary - present

Cooper Keyes - Board Member - present
Travis Barnard - Board Member - present

Others Present - Liam Keyes (Town Councilman), Deidre Stav (alternate Board Member), two community members

Resident Concerns - A community member came to present a subdivision sketch draft for a proposed minor subdivision to a property he plans to purchase on Ouleout Rd. Board members reviewed the sketch plan and tax map location. We gave him a subdivision application and part 1 SEQR form to complete and submit at or prior to the next meeting in July. Additionally, he was provided with the town and county fee schedules.

Another community member came to lodge a complaint about a neighboring property within his subdivision on Longview Dr.: there are 2 RVs situated on the lot, and both have sewage hoses leading directly into the ground. The neighbor in question is, besides allegedly illegally dumping, also in alleged violation of deed restrictions prohibiting RVs. The community member also mentioned that a dog belonging to the neighbor is sometimes loose on the property making residents unsafe. Liam advised him to raise this issue at the next Town Board meeting. Actionable items: Paul will contact the Health Department regarding the dumping, and also speak with the town Supervisor regarding how to address the non-compliance issue with the deed.

Comprehensive Plan - Board members have begun drafting a Comprehensive Plan using various members' proposals. We decided to also include a summary of the survey results from the 2013 version, which will be prepared and presented at the next meeting in July. Actionable items: Cindy will merge members' proposals and 2013 survey summary into a draft.

Mass mailing and public hearing preparation - The planning board has begun designing postcards that will be mailed to residents to encourage both interest and participation in the Comprehensive planning process. The postcards will also serve as invitations to a public "kickoff" hearing, where we will discuss the Comprehensive planning process with residents.

Site Plan Laws (Land Use Laws) - Cindy distributed a proposal. Liam raised the issue of private companies seeking information about land available in the town for solar farms. Members will review and make recommendations at the July meeting.

Planning Board Charter - Members will vote on the adoption of the Charter at the July meeting.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes of June 18, 2024 Planning Board Meeting were taken and typed by Cindy Taren (Planning Board Secretary).