

Town of Pittsfield
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Planning Board Town of Pittsfield

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Jim Austin called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Cooper Keyes and Larry Keenberg were present. Liam Keyes, as a resident was also present.

Old Business: The 1998 proposed amendments were discussed. Specifically, the 'Simple Sub-Div.' and what that was. Jim Austin also thought that the high fees listed were due to the Spaghetti lots which began to manifest during that period.. Maybe,also, to discourage land development?

The \$100.00 fee per subdivided parcel was told to have been set upon at a recent public meeting (March 9, 2021).

New Business: Jim Austin brought up the possibility of the Town needing an Engineer to look over drawings of future possible developments. Is there a Town Engineer or one found 'in house' within Otsego County?

The website was discussed: The Planning Board Regulations will be available in a pdf file. The fee will not be in the Regs. This will be found in a grouping of Town Fees ie: Dog Control, Planning Board subdivisions, etc. which would be subject to change.

Public Concerns/Questions: Liam Keyes expressed his concern over NY State's government rigorously advocating for alternative energy, dangling incentives to local upstate communities so as to have them comply. He specifically had concerns about the quality of Solar Panels. How would they be disposed of? Their components being toxic. He was specifically concerned about our future's drinking water.

A conversation ensued regarding wind turbines. Specifically, the 'cons' concerning them having a strobe effect, that they are noisy and also their tendency to hit large birds; killing them. Jim assured us that Pittsfield was not appropriate for wind capture unlike Cherry Valley.

It was suggested by Jim Austin to research the Alt Energy laws on the NYS website. Could the state override local upstate communities in regard to implementing alt energy sources to assist the more populated areas of the state?

At approximately 7PM there was a motion to close the meeting by Larry which was seconded by Cooper. All were in favor.