

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
MARCH 9, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Wes Miller Jean Depatie
Kurt Dudley Stephen Harling
Kirk Mathes
Dr. George McKenna (Alt.)

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Tom Keeler Jean Peglow

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Eric Watson (Alt.)

Others present: Sean P. Pogue and Shellye Dale-Hall

Mr. Miller appointed Dr. McKenna to fill a vacancy for this meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Mathes made a motion to accept the minutes of February 10th. Seconded by Mr. Dudley and carried (6-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

The request for a moratorium on battery storage was submitted to the Town Board. They in turn submitted an application to the County Planning Board. However the County Planning Board was cancelled due to weather. Dr. Pogue left the application for consideration for the March County Planning Board meeting. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Keeler had talked with Mr. Bensley and the Article 10 Process for Solar projects was discussed. The battery law will not be included in the Article 10 process. All towns will be required to have their own battery storage requirements. Ridgeway's battery law is being created with the assistance of Hogsdon Russ Attorneys from Buffalo. Dr. Pogue stated that instead of battery storage is should be Energy Storage Unit as no one knows what the future will be in regards to storage.

Mr. Keeler also spoke with Mr. Bansley requesting clarification relating to our Land-Use Plan in the Comprehensive Plan and our current zoning. The zoning descriptions in the current zoning does not need to match exactly with our Land-Use Plan. The Land-Use Plan is a vision for the future and is not intended to match perfectly with the current zoning. We should consider the flood hazard overlay that exists from Gillette Roud south to the town line on Rd. 98 having a mixed residential/commercial designation in that area will be a problem. Discussion took place:

- We need to submit the final proposal to the Town Board who will submit an application to the County Planning Board and have a public hearing.
- Setbacks and what/could be allowed should be defined as this would be a good time for revisions
- How deep would the district be?

Resolution 4-2020

Introduced by: Jean Depatie
 Seconded by: Kurt Dudley

To extend the general business district at the existing depth on Rt. 98 south to Root Road and on Rt. 31A from Rt. 98 west to Eagle Harbor Road.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller – Aye
 Mr. DePatie – Aye
 Mr. Dudley – Aye
 Mr. Harling – Aye
 Mr. Mathes – Aye
 Dr. McKenna – Aye

The resolution passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

The Spring Local Government Workshop at Burgundy Basin Inn is on Friday May 15th. Information was emailed to everyone.

VI. COMMUNICATION

ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

The February meeting was cancelled due to weather. Just a reminder however of the Land Use Training at Hoag Library is June 18th.

VII. ADJORNMENT

Dr. McKenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm; seconded by Mr. Depatie and carried (6-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk