

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
AUGUST 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Eric Watson (Alt.)

Others present: Sean P. Pogue, Tom McCabe

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to approve the July 13th minutes with no corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harling and carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

The County Planning Board deemed our referral concerning the proposed zoning changes of the General Business District tabled. The reason for the tabled action was lack of a resolution in the minutes being sent to the County. Minutes can be draft meeting. Apparently this is a last minute addition needed for all referrals. This is part is due to the many calls to the County Planning Board members had received at work and home on this referral and the other referral that was sent by Barre.. Due to the last minute answer hours before the meeting from the Association of Towns on this issue, a deficiency report was not done. Dr. Pogue formally rescinded the referral a few days following the County Planning Board meeting.. Dr. Pogue was being told that a public hearing is also required before they receive a referral. The issue was discussed further including:

- Should the former logging company on Rt. 31A be included?
 - Logging company was build with out a special use permit therefore nothing exists for that property. Someone would have to go thru the process of obtaining the necessary steps to aquire the permits.
 - If changed, we would be awarding someone who didn't follow Barre's laws.
 - Comprehensive Plan stops before that location
- Why were those boundries originally selected? Why not go both east and west to Barre's town line?

- That was not in the current comprehensive plan. Old 98 was included in the comprehensive plan but we did not include it at this time. We did include the section of Maple Street due to the availability of 3-phase power.
- 3-phase power availability now and in the future, and water hook ups were considered.
- The public hearing section was discussed. A public hearing has always been after the County Planning Board's decision in the past. The Department of State says the public hearing should be done before sending it to County. So then what? Do we then have a go back and forth process? We should ask what the proper procedures are and clarify the process so we get our ducks all in a row. Mr. Keeler will clarify the procedure with Mr. Bensley from the County Planning Board.
- In looking at the Barre tax map, the northwest corner of Rt. 98 and 31A for 800 feet is in the Town of Albion. We should maybe add with the exception of that 800 feet.

Resolution 10-2020

Introduced by: Jean Peglow
 Seconded by: Stephen Harling

RESOLVED, To send the General Business expansion to the County as laid out.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Mr. Keeler – Aye
- Mr. Miller – Aye
- Mr. DePatie – Aye
- Mr. Dudley – Aye
- Mr. Harling – Aye
- Mr. Mathes – Aye
- Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

In regards to the energy storage law, Mrs. Preston sent the Town of Alabama's proposed law was on their website. Some of the things that were brought out as highlights were:

- Electro-chemically produced
- 2 tiers
- No more than 10 percent of office use
- Where its permitted
- Less than 600 watts no site plan review is needed.

They were having a public hearing on this this evening. Mrs. Preston will continue to monitor Alabama to see what the outcome is. We need somebody to come in and talk to us about this.

Dr. Pogue stated that he has talked to both of the possible solar projects in the town on three different occasions about having an energy storage unit. They have said no as its going straight into the grid.

Mrs. Peglow stated in comparing Town of Alabama and Ridgeway is Ridgeway has 3 tiers, a decommissioning plan, setback and height requirements. Alabama has a noise requirement. Other comments made were:

- A special use permit is good for 24 months
- If an energy storage unit is not used or abandoned for one year it needs to be decommissioned
- What is the status of Ridgeway's proposed law?

In regards to the tiny houses, Mrs. Peglow had found some information that was emailed/forwarded consisting of Tiny House Building Codes and Tiny House Zoning. Discussion included room size, modular level, not an accessory structure, bathroom needed, ladder or stairway, fire department and health codes, size, how do you regulate, yurt is a tent. Could we find something in New York, maybe the Adirondacks? Mr. Mathes will look into The Cottages of Troutburg, Mrs. Peglow and Mr. Harling will look into this more. Appendix Q of the New York State building code has a lot of information.

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

VI. COMMUNICATION

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- Town of Shelby's request for area variance, site plan review, and special use permit for a cell tower on Creek Rd. in Agricultural Residential District was approved
- Town of Gaines request for area variance, site plan review, and special use permit to operate a home-based screen-printing business was approved
- Both of the Town of Barre's referrals were tabled. However, Mr. Keeler stated that recommendations were made and he would see that the board members would get a copy

A letter dated July 20th regarding intervenor funds not used was read.

A letter dated July 3th on field investigation was not warranted.

VII. ADJORNMENT

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm; seconded by Mr. Miller and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk