

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
JUNE 14, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 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: Ashley Bringenberg and Tom McCabe

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to approve the May 10th regular meeting minutes with no corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mathes and carried. (7-0)

II. NEW BUSINESS

The meeting attendance procedure for the public was discussed with several issues being brought forward:

- YouTube/Streaming and phone call-in will continue into the future
- Board members wear masks and public would be their choice
- Should socially distance
- Continue with listing a maximum number who could attend. However, a public hearing would be different
- Any applicant should now be in attendance
- Things may open up more with almost 70 percent vaccinated
- Town Board has limited attendance to 16 on a first come first served basis then the door was locked

Resolution 14-2021

Introduced by: Jean Peglow
Seconded by: John Depatie

For the June and July meetings to continue as we are using the phone call-in attendance and YouTube streaming unless there is an application or a public hearing. The applicant should also be in attendance with a total of 16 total which includes the members of the planning board.

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.

Mrs. Bringenberg has submitted an application for a site plan and special use permit. She would like to remodel an outbuilding on the property for use as a studio for her photography business. Currently she is doing photos on location. When the building is renovated, clients will be by appointment. The property is owned by her mother-in-law with the intent of renting to own or purchasing outright. She does have permission to proceed and a letter was attached to the application regarding this. There will be a sign of some sort with location marked. At this point in time Mrs. Bringenberg is not sure of the make up of the sign but it won't exceed Barre's town limit. Mrs. Bringenberg is aware that a special use permit is renewable each year. If any modifications are made in the future, she also knows that she must come before the planning board again. Mrs. Bringenberg was complimented on a very nicely done application which she then thanked Mrs. Dale-Hall for her help.

The SEQR was completed.

Resolution 15-2021

Introduced by: Jean Peglow
Seconded by: Steve Harling

WHEREAS the Town of Barre Planning Board has reviewed Part 2 of the SEQR form for the application of Ashley Bringenberg and

RESOLVED, to declare a negative SEQR

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.

The question of whether a public hearing was necessary was entertained. The applicant is on a town road so it does not need to be referred to the County Planning Board. A public hearing is required by Section 350-86.

Resolution 16-2021

Introduced by: Jean Peglow
Seconded by: Kirk Mathes

To proceed with a public hearing at our July 12th meeting.

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.

III. OLD BUSINESS

The final draft copy of the Battery Energy Storage Law was reviewed. The final steps would be to present it to the Town Board. An engineering review as asked about. Since we used the state’s guidelines, it would be up to the Town Board if they would like an engineering review. Mr. Harling reviewed the law comparing it with the letter/article Energizing the Future – Key Takeaways for Municipalities Considering Battery Energy Storage Systems. Mr. Harling felt that we should be covered with what is proposed in the law.

Resolution 17-2021

Introduced by: Steve Harling
Seconded by: Kurt Dudley

After a few minor changes are made, the proposed Battery Energy Storage Law should be presented to the Town Board.

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.

The DEC Region 8 has published a notice of the Baird Solar SEQR negative declaration.

Mr. Keeler wanted to go over the letter from Jason Ebbs of LaBella Associates on our Solar Law

1. Limit total acreage allowed? – yes by allowing in certain districts
2. Prohibit soil types? – not in ours letting infrastructure control it
3. Ag & Markets would not weigh in
 - a. Put in solar rather than renting or selling land
 - b. Ground could be made better with being inactive or “cover crop”
 - c. Laws could be changed in the future to accommodate the above

IV. COMMUNICATION

ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

At the May 27th meeting, the following referrals/business were heard:

- Town of Albion’s request for Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for 5 mw Solar Project on Long Bridge Road in Agricultural/Residential District was approved with conditions
- Town of Albion’s request for a Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for a 2.5 mw Solar Project on Gaines Basin Road in Residential/Agricultural District was approved with conditions
- Town of Kendall’s request for a Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for a 5 mw Solar Project on Center Road in Residential/Agricultural District was approved with conditions
- Town of Murray’s request for Moratorium on wind, solar and others project on Fancher Road was approved for 12 months
- Town of Murray’s request for updated to the Comprehensive Plan was approved
- Town of Murray’s request for new Zoning Ordinance/Law was approved
- Town of Carlton’s request for Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for 4.4 mw Solar Project on Waterport Carlton Road in Residential/Agricultural District was approved with conditions
- The Lake Ontario State Parkway Transportation Alternatives Feasibility Study was discussed
- Training opportunities for the fall was discussed

V. ADJORNMENT

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm; seconded by Mr. Miller and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk