

Town of Bethel
Planning Board
 PO Box 300, 3454 Route 55
 White Lake, NY 12786

The Town of Bethel Planning Board held a Work Session on August 12, 2014 at 7 PM at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, 3460 State Route 55, White Lake. The regular meeting of the Planning Board followed on the same date at 7:30 PM. On the agenda at that time were the following:

In attendance: Daniel Gettel Chairman, Steve Simpson, Vice Chairman, Susan Brown Otto, David Biren, Michael Cassaro, David Slater, BJ Gettel, Code Enforcement Officer, Jacqueline Ricianni, Attorney, Jannetta MacArthur, Recording Secretary, Michael Weeks, Engineer, Glenn Smith, Engineer, Daniel Sturm, Supervisor, Vicky Vassmer-Simpson, Councilwoman, Bernard Cohen, Councilman Lillian Hendrickson, Councilwoman

Pledge to the flag.

Walter Norris excused

Wilfred Hughson absent

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2014 Planning Board meeting by Steve Simpson, second by David Slater

All in favor – 6

Opposed - 0

Agreed and carried

1) Review and recommendation on the proposed Local Law # 1- 2014 to amend Chapter 120 – Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicles and Chapter 90 – Assemblies, Mass Public.

Daniel Gettel: Are there are any questions on the camping code?

Susan Brown Otto: With the new proposed laws – some seem stricter and some are leaner.

Daniel Gettel: The Health Department was stricter than our code. This brings us more in sync with them. We are trying to be more in line with the Health Department code. The Health Department does enforce the 60 hours of camping restrictions.

Susan Brown Otto: The renewal process for the applicant seems a little bit easier. They don't have to go through the process of a public hearing. How are we supposed to find out if there is a problem?

Daniel Gettel: At our discretion we can waive the public hearing. I don't see that happening though.

Jacqueline Ricciani: You can always ask for a report from your Code Enforcement Officer, if there are complaints, or if they say there are no complaints. Then you can decide to have a public hearing.

Town of Bethel
Planning Board
 PO Box 300, 3454 Route 55
 White Lake, NY 12786

Daniel Gettel: For the record I do want to mention that this board is aware that there are to be some minor changes to the proposed code. We are aware that there is a non-substantive change to Section 120-10 which lists the exceptions to this code. Exceptions 120-10(E) (F) & (G) address uses by the owner on his or her own property. It was thought that Camping by the owner on his or her own property should be a separate Section, and these three paragraphs were moved in their entirety to Section 120-8, which had been a reserved section and is now entitled Camping Prohibited Exceptions.

Motion to recommend to the Town Board that they approve proposed Local Law #1 as written with the understanding that this will be approved with the changes previously mentioned by Steve Simpson, second by Mike Cassaro

Roll call vote

Mike Cassaro - Y
Susan Brown Otto- Y
Steve Simpson - Y
David Biren - Y
David Slater - Y
Daniel Gettel – Y

Motion unanimously approved

Jacqueline Ricciani: The Planning Board is supposed to report to the Town Board every proposed amendment.

Daniel Gettel: In the past BJ has done that.

Jacqueline Ricciani: Okay, but it should be a report.

2) Review and recommendation on the proposed Local Law #2 – 2014 to amend Chapter 345 – Zoning.

Daniel Gettel: I assume everyone has had a chance to read this. Are there any questions?

None

Town of Bethel
Planning Board
 PO Box 300, 3454 Route 55
 White Lake, NY 12786

Motion to recommend to the Town Board that they approve proposed Local Law #2 as written by Susan Brown Otto, second by David Slater

Roll call vote

Mike Cassaro - Y
Susan Brown Otto- Y
Steve Simpson - Y
David Biren - Y
David Slater - Y
Daniel Gettel – Y

Motion unanimously approved

3) Discussion on the possibility of a change of meeting night.

Daniel Gettel: One of the judges asked if we could move our meeting night as the Tuesday night court is getting busier. Monday seems to be a good night when you chart out the month using meeting nights from adjoining towns. We don't want to pick a night where we would meet the same night as another Town, creating a conflict with local engineers. Monday seems to be a good night with the local engineers. The building is open on the 1st Monday of every month and I would suggest that in January we begin meeting on the 1st Monday. That also puts us in better sync with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Daniel Sturm: The Tuesday night courts are busier. That is why they need those nights available. They usually have a full agenda, and may not be done until 7:00 or 7:30 pm. The justice is very appreciative of any consideration you may make of moving your meeting night.

Motion that we recommend to the Town Board that they approve the move of the Planning Board meetings to the First Monday of every month beginning January 2015 by Steve Simpson, second by David Biren

All in favor – 6

Opposed – 0

Agreed and carried

Daniel Gettel: Dan (Sturm) or Vicky is there anything from the Town? When is the Public Hearing for these local laws?

Town of Bethel
Planning Board
 PO Box 300, 3454 Route 55
 White Lake, NY 12786

Vicky Vassmer Simpson: The meeting is at 7:45 pm on August 27th. This is for the Public Hearing.

Daniel Gettel: Is there anything on this Wednesday's agenda?

Daniel Sturm: As part of the local law process we are declaring which action each law is, whether it is an Unlisted Action or a Type One. They are both Type One's as far as the adoption. I don't have it in front of me. Just the action itself was an Unlisted. He (Rob McEwan) separated it between the camping and the zoning.

Daniel Gettel: Any other comments from the board?

Susan Brown Otto: As you know, signage is an issue that is near and dear to my heart. I was reading the Sullivan County Democrat, the Renaissance insert, last week where I read that along the Route 17B corridor that fourteen different businesses applied for, and six businesses received, funding from the BLDC, with matching funds. The projects that were approved for funding included the Bethel Storage and U Haul, Bubba's Barbeque, Java Love, L&M Greenhouses, Malek Properties, and 17X Motors. Anyway, signage is very important, I think. I am happy to see this.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Simpson, second by David Slater

All in favor – 6

Opposed - 0

Agreed and carried

7:45 pm

Respectively submitted,
Gannetta MacArthur
Recording Secretary