

**Town of Byron Planning Board
Draft Minutes**

Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Byron Town Hall, 7028 Byron Holley Road, Byron, NY 14422

Those Present: Planning Board Members: Planning Board Chairman Chris Hilbert, Laura Bestehorn, Jason Jack, Bill Stevens, Jenn Tuerk. Planning Board Secretary Patrick Carr. Byron Town CEO/ZEO Melissa Ierlan. Members of the Public (via Zoom): Town Board Member Nathan Knickerbocker, Bernardo Urdaneta (Leatherleaf Solar).

Call the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Note from Chairman Hilbert:

Please note that from this date forward all planning board meetings will be conducted as a business meeting.

There will be an allotted time for public comments.

At the next meeting and going forward you will need not only sign in but sign that you are requesting to speak. Each speaker is given 3 minutes.

Review and Approval of February 7th, 2024 meeting minutes

MOTION: Motion to approve the February 7th, 2024 meeting minutes made by Laura Bestehorn.

Seconded by Jason Jack. All in favor. None opposed.

MOTION PASSED

Introduction of New Members

Bill Stevens – Resident of Byron for 33 years. Senior Mechanical Engineer Technologist. Aspires to help support the Byron comprehensive plan.

Jenn Tuerk – Grew up in Byron Bergen. HR Manager at Lapp Insulators in Leroy. Volunteer firefighter in Byron.

Leatherleaf Solar Project Extension Request

Bernardo Urdaneta (Leatherleaf Solar) would like to request an extension to the permit from last July due to several delays. The substation that the project is connecting to requires an upgrade and requires more projects to sign up for the same upgrade. Working with the Army Corps of Engineers on plans for the stream crossing.

Byron Town CEO/ZEO, Melissa Ierlan, said that she spoke to the town attorney yesterday and she does not see an issue with granting this extension. An updated resolution from July would be required.

No issues or comments from the members of the board

MOTION: A motion was made to extend the special use permit for Leatherleaf Solar Project by 12 months by Laura Bestehorn. Seconded by Jason Jack. All in favor. None Opposed
MOTION PASSED

Zoning Law Review Discussion

Chairman Hilbert filled new members in on what the planning board has been working on for the past couple of years with the revision of the town laws.

Town Attorney, Bridget O'Toole, has recommended that she take a look at the revisions before we move ahead. She will be here next month to discuss her findings up to this point.

Public Comments

No Public Comment

Other Business

The new website for the town is still being worked on. The Byron Town board has been working through some issues before this goes live.

Q: Who is the Liaison between the Town Board and Planning Board?

A: Nathan Knickerbocker said the Town Board is still figuring that out.

Chairman Hilbert had a meeting with the Town Attorney – it is state law that that Planning Board Members are required to complete 4 hours of training per year. Genesee County will provide some opportunities for members. The planning federation has a book on general items for the planning board. We can take one section and go through it to count it toward continuing educational credits. These hours can be carried over to the next year. There are also materials on the NYS website where you will get a certificate of completion.

Town CEO/ZEO Melissa Ierlan read through the resolution for the Yasses Special Use Permit that was approved at the February 7th meeting. Discussion held amongst Planning Board members and Town CEO/ZEO regarding requirements of special use permit.

MOTION: A motion was made to accept and approve the special use permit and final site plan with conditions for the Yasses Special Use Permit by Laura Bestehorn. Seconded by Jason Jack. All in favor. None Opposed
MOTION PASSED

A discussion was held (prior to this meeting) with the Town Attorney regarding the Jaczynski's Pre-Existing Non-Conforming property. Karen & Roger Jaczynski will be given a write-up regarding the research and findings of their case to show that their property is deemed Pre-Existing, Non-Conforming.

A discussion was held (prior to this meeting) with the Town Attorney regarding public comment time. 3 minutes is the maximum for each person making a comment. See note from Chairman Hilbert above.

No other Business

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Laura Bestehorn. Seconded by Jason Jack. All in favor. None Opposed

MOTION PASSED

Meeting ADJOURNED at 7:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Carr
Planning Board Secretary