

**TOWN OF GAINES
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020
TOWN HALL**

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 P. M. by Chairman Watt.
Justin Kirby led the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Christopher Watt, Chairman; Justin Kirby; Brenda Radzinski.
Excused: Carole Patterson

Guests in Attendance: Sherman Gittens with MRB Group; Tim Uderitz; Dan Uderitz; Jeff Martin, Attorney Representing the Hungerford's'; Dan Strong – Town of Gaines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Al Capurso has resigned his membership from the Planning Board as per a letter that was received on the 11th of November. Chris Watt's stated that now that Al has resigned, they need to run an advertisement to have a new member apply for that position. He stated that the ad should have anyone that is interested to send a resume. Justin Kirby questioned the resume idea, stating that maybe a letter would be better. Chairman Watt stated a resume would be best as it would show them who would qualify better and a letter would not give much information. In the end they will discuss this more and will end up deciding by February if possible.
2. Carole Patterson has been excused from this meeting tonight as she had knee surgery, she is in good spirits and hopes to be back for the next meeting in January

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2020 by Chairman Chris Watt, 2nd by Brenda Radzinski.
Ayes 3; Nays 0; Absent 1, Carole Patterson
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Hearing opened at 7:03 PM for the discussion regarding the East Gaines Land, LP for the Hungerford's. No Comments were made, and the hearing closed at 7:05 PM
After the hearing closed, Jeff Martin, representing the Hungerford's for this application took a few minutes to explain the process for this land. He stated the Hungerford's are buying the property and acting as agents with permission from Mr. Kast. Jeff Martin also stated there are 7.2 acres. From the center to the road frontage, making it a total of 200 feet. They are hoping that this works for what they need to do with the build and wants to be able to keep the retaining ditch. This ended the discussion with Jeff Martin. Chairman Watt stated the application met the Town's expectations and guidance, and no objections were going to be made.
Motion to approve the application via Brenda Radzinski and 2nd by Justin Kirby.
Ayes – 3 Nays – 0, Absent 1 Carole Patterson
Motion Carried

Next Chairman Watt stated the term of office will end for Board Member Carole Patterson at the end of December. Chairman Watt stated they must either renew a member or advert the position, this is according to the guidelines. Chris Watt stated that he would like to see Carole continue her membership

if her health is good. He then stated that Carole had expressed to him that she hopes to continue, and Brenda Radzinski also heard and felt the same way.

Motion to renew Carole Patterson's membership by Brenda Radzinski and 2nd by Justin Kirby

Ayes – 3 Nays – 0 Absent 1, Carole Patterson

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Gaines-Waterport Road Solar Application (This is only a discussion with our engineers about the plans) Chairman Chris Watt stated that he had talked with Janet Ward from DG New York-Next Era Energy Resources and they were not able to have the questions needed answered. She stated changes are not finished at this time. Janet stated that they will make sure to get back to Chairman Watt with any updates by December 17th. No further comments were made. Chairman Watt also received an email from her requesting a postponement till the January meeting.

Chairman Watt then spoke to Sherman Gittens with MRB regarding the other solar project on Bacon Road as the agency was not present. Sherman stated that he has not heard from the rep regarding this project and is still working on and processing their comments. He also stated that he is waiting on any updates from them, as they have not stated as to when they will be sending them. Without the updates and questions being taken care of, it will then delay the process and MRB will not be able to move onto the next step. If the agency wishes to move forward with this project, they are going to need to make sure that they have a representative at the next meeting (January 5th, 2021) in order to inform us with their updates and answered questions, otherwise this project is going to be in limbo and will not be able to move forward.

Chairman Chris Watt stated to Sherman that a concern with the Waterport Project is the barb wire that this agency will be using to top off the area where the panels will be located and feels that the agency should think about using other options. Chairman Watt stated if they do not get their updated information submitted to the board by the 17th of December, they are going to be taken off the agenda. No further comments were made at this time and the board will wait to see if the agency responds to them by the 17th of December before moving forward.

No further business.

AJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 P. M. by Justin Kirby, 2nd by Brenda Radzinski.

Ayes 3; Nays 0, Absent 1, Carol Patterson

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Bradshaw, Secretary

