

Village of Chaumont
Planning Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2021

The February Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Village Planning Board, conducted via ZOOM, was called to order by Chairperson Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer at 6:09 PM. Those in attendance were Chairperson Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer; Board Members: Robin Grovesteen, Bryan Stumpf, Rob Stevenson; Jefferson County Planners: Andy Nevin and Erin Ermine; Village Trustees: Pat Reome, Dori-Ann Froelich.

OLD BUSINESS:

MINUTES from the December 2020 and January 2021 Regular Meetings were reviewed. Member Stumpf motioned to accept, Member Grovesteen seconded, all were in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

SOLAR PROJECT: Discussion of the solar project included an emphasis on the importance of oversight and enforcement by the Village ZEO/CEO. Chair HB stated that she would request that the Mayor contact the ZEO to ensure his participation, including the directive that he compose and send an email to establish contact and ensure compliance with the site plan. Chair HB also stressed the need to establish a paper-trail in order to document any and all meetings and discussions with the owner and developer.

Members agreed that there needed to be a more “clear cut” communication process developed to review with the owner +/-or developer the site plan requirements and, most important, to explain those expectations to any subsequent developer not involved in the initial site plan process.

Member Stumpf stated his intent to follow up on the ongoing issue of the closure of the snowmobile trail, noting that adverse publicity would be detrimental to those involved in the project.

ZONING DISTRICTS: Jefferson County Planner, Andy Nevin, presented a Power Point presentation that addressed the VPB’s concerns regarding the Village Zoning Districts and the need to consolidate districts +/-or redefine the uses within those districts. The Historic District overlay had been removed and “solar” use had been added to the Table of Uses. Many suggestions were made, including the re-naming of the Waterfront District to that of “Recreational Multi-use,” in order to remedy certain misconceptions of residents. Mr. Nevin stated his intention to incorporate the suggestions offered and to

present an updated Power Point at the work session scheduled for February 23 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM.

FEE SCHEDULE: Mr. Nevin also included a spread sheet depicting zoning fees currently in effect in neighboring municipalities in order to provide the VPB a basis for its review of the Chaumont Fee Schedule. Member Grovesteen stated she would send out a similar document she had prepared for the Town of Lyme for further information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson HB will get the necessary information from the Village Clerk in order to set up and host future ZOOM meetings.

There was no other new business before the VPB.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Grovesteen and seconded by Member Stumpf. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Grovesteen