
Planning Board Minutes
August 17, 2023

Planning Board Members Present, Steve Lester, Julie Pellett, Daniel Compton, Michael Woodruff, Daniel Morley, Kimberly Duvall

Absent: Matt Rogers, Michelle Rhoda

Others Present, Kimberly Rayburn (Building & Zoning Officer), Christel Daggett (Secretary) Mark Erdle (Applicant)

Lester opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

I. Site Plan, SPLM6-23 Antique Wireless Museum, 6925 Route 5&20 Tax Map #81.00-1-74.121
Installation of an Amateur Radio Tower.

Mark Erdle from Antique Wireless Museum has applied for a radio tower to be placed on the side of their building. The HAM Shack is full of radios from 1920 till modern and they would like to install a tower in order to get the radios on the air.

Lester asked if there were any active towers at the location now. Erdle stated no, just wires that were strung into the arborvitaes next to the driveway which are not too effective.

Compton asked about self-supporting and telescoping, did it mean it will go up when in use and come down when it's not? Erdle stated yes, there are three sections. The tower is 55 feet in height when in use and retracts to 22 feet in when not in use. Full height is required for effective Amateur radio communication. There is an additional winch on it so the tower can be tilted over for servicing without having to climb it. The tower is self-supporting, there are no guide wires involved. There is a 5-foot x 7 & 1/2-foot reinforced concrete base and weighs 29,000 pounds.

Morley asked if this was brought in front of the Board because it was a tower? Rayburn stated no, it is in front of the Board because it is a commercial piece of property, it is just for site plan.

The Board discussed the need for a public hearing for the site plan. **Woodruff motioned Duval seconded to waive a public hearing. All Board members voted Aye.**

Lester asked for any further comments from the Board, there were none.

Lester motioned to declare SEQR a type II with no further action required.

Woodruff motioned Lester seconded to approve the Site Plan as presented located at 6925 Route 5&20.

Record of Vote:

Lester Aye Compton Aye Woodruff Aye Morley Aye Duvall Aye

Vote was carried.

II. Discussion on redefining definitions of code for agricultural tourism County comments for temporary and permanent farm stands

Lester started to go over the information that Woodruff, Rayburn and himself had from the Ontario County comments, and slight modifications of farm stand definitions and changes to Agritourism.

Duvall asked if the proposed code and definition changes had been submitted to the County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board before they went to Ontario County. Lester stated that it had not. Duvall stated,

to her knowledge there is an article called 25AA of Ag & Markets Law that if any code or zoning changes are made to Agricultural it is supposed to go in front of them first before the County. Woodruff stated that he is on the Ontario County Planning Board and that was not brought up the County planners are usually on top of that stuff. Duvall stated anything that is going to affect Agriculture has to go in front of the County first. Rayburn stated she didn't think it would hurt. Compton stated it would be nice to follow the proper steps. A brief discussion was held on going through the proper steps and have a conversation with County planning and seeing if that is a requirement. The Board will table the discussion and reach out to Linda Phillips for her thoughts. The Board will review the information that was given to them and go over it at next meeting after an explanation of what to do next.

Lester asked for any further comments from the Board, there were none

Pellett arrived at 7:40

II. Discussion:

There was a discussion on training hours. Rayburn stated she would check the files and let the Board know how many hours they still need and will send information to the Board for the State webinar. Lester stated there are some in person training at the County in September. He believes on the 4th.

Topics for review 2023

1. Continued review of the Comprehensive Plan's suggested updates for zoning districts changes.
2. 5 G placement of antenna's
3. Battery Storage
4. More research and code considerations for cannabis in the future
5. Look into code for event centers vs current code that allows for a SUP for each event on 50 acres or more.
6. Look at the schedules for any items that need to be updated or clarified.

IV. Meeting Adjourned

**Compton motioned Pellett seconded to adjourn @ 7:50 pm.
All Board members present voted Aye; Vote was carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christel Daggett
Planning & Zoning Board Secretary