
Planning Board Minutes
October 20, 2022

Planning Board Members Present, Steve Lester, Daniel Compton, Michael Woodruff, Dan Morley, Julie Pellett, Matt Rogers, Kim Duvall

Others Present, Kim Rayburn (Building & Zoning), Christel Daggett (Planning & Zoning Secretary), Scott Benson (Owner), Michelle Rhoda (Planning Board Alternate applicant)

Lester opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

I. Site plan, #SPLM7-22 Owner Scott Benson 1986 Bennett Rd. #52.00-3-11.010 Office addition on front main building pole barn in front of proposed office addition will be a 60 x 40 and a top soil shed canopy for existing bin behind main building will be a 20 x 30.

A discussion was held on the proposed and the Board reviewed the maps provided. Benson stated he has outgrown his existing office. The office expansion will expand by adding 20 ft to the East and 24 ft to the North. It will provide them with a reception area, conference room, production team bathroom (that will replace an existing porta potty) an employee uniform closet and three new office spaces for the existing staff that is currently sharing office space. The storage building will compliment the current building and protect his existing equipment that is currently parked outside. The Canopy will protect the top soil from the elements.

Woodruff motioned Rogers seconded to declare SEQR a type II, with no further action required.

Compton motioned Woodruff seconded to approve the Site plan modification #SPLM7-22 for existing Use variance for Owner Scott Benson property located at 1986 Bennett Rd. #52.00-3-11.010 Office addition on front main building, pole barn in front of proposed office, and top soil shed canopy.

Whereas:

1. Per discussion of meeting notes.

Record of Vote:

Lester Aye Compton Aye Woodruff Aye Duvall Aye Pellett Aye Morley Aye Rogers Aye
all Board members present voted Aye, Vote was carried.

II. Discussion on zoning changes

The Board reviewed the changes that have been discussed in past meetings re: digital signage, political Signage, banners and zoning district changes. A discussion was held and minor changes were made.

Woodruff motioned Compton seconded to approve the proposal to allow 4 banners where primary business is located.

Roll call vote:

Lester Aye Compton Aye Woodruff Aye Duvall Nay Pellett Nay Morley Nay Rogers Nay
Vote was turned down.

Another discussion was held on not limiting the number of banners and taking the wording of *Pennants and Banners are allowed for advertising business hours only* out of the code as this is hard to enforce. Some Board members felt that businesses have the right to advertise and this should be self-policing.

Pellett motioned Duvall seconded to have no limit on number of banner and pennants an to remove the wording of *Pennants and Banners are allowed for advertising business hours only*. And to forward to the Town, County and attorney for review.

Roll call vote:

Lester Aye Compton Nay Woodruff Nay Duvall Aye Pellett Aye Morley Aye Rogers Aye
Vote was carried.

Digital Signage: A brief discussion was held on the new language for allowing these signs.

All Board members agreed to forward the proposed addition of digital signage with 1 small addition of height requirements, and to forward to the Town, County and attorney for review.

Political signage: All Board members but 1 agreed with proposed new section and rewording with 1 small change.

Lester motioned Woodruff seconded to pass along proposed new section and rewording of political signage, and to forward to the Town, County and attorney for review.

Roll call vote:

Lester Aye Compton Nay Woodruff Aye Duvall Aye Pellett Aye Morley Aye Rogers Aye
Vote was carried.

Zoning Changes: Lester discussed and the Board agreed to make 1 small change.

Woodruff motioned Morley seconded to send proposed zoning changes to the Town, County and attorney for review.

Roll call vote:

Lester Aye Compton Aye Woodruff Aye Duvall Aye Pellett Aye Morley Aye Rogers Aye
Vote was carried.

III. Discussion:

Michelle Rhoda was at meeting to express her interest in becoming an alternate for the Planning Board and had sent a letter of interest with some of her background. Rhoda was born and raised on a beef cattle farm on Brace Road in Bloomfield graduated from BCS. She raised her children in Bloomfield. Currently working at Thompson Hospital. Was Board Secretary for Embrace Your Sisters a 501c3 nonprofit that started here in Bloomfield, past President, and Secretary for the International Harvester Club501c3, Unit Leader and Troop Shepard for American Heritage Girls troop Ny0024since 2008 Club501c3, still a member of the club. She takes pictures for the Bloomfield athletics Facebook page, was named Bloomfield Rotary citizen of the year in 2019. Woodruff asked Rhoda about her vision for East Bloomfield. Rhoda stated her concerns that as a tax payer she would like to help with the tax base and sales tax. She would like see the growth of business in the community but, not like Victor/Eastview Mall. She stated social media has a lot to do with businesses that have tried to come into Bloomfield and would like to see the businesses have a fair chance to help provide job growth in the community.

IV. Minutes

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Woodruff motioned Roger seconded to approve the minutes of 9/1/2022

All board members present at the 9/1/2022 meeting voted Aye, **Absent; Duvall abstained.**

Topics for future review

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

V. Meeting Adjourned

Morley motioned and Pellett seconded to adjourn @ 9:00 pm.

All Board members present voted Aye, Vote was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christel Daggett
Planning & Zoning Board Secretary