

Village of Deposit Planning Bd. Mtg.  
October 11, 2023

Attendees: Sarah Evans, Mike Musante, Gail Musante, Brian Riter, Peter Carson, John O'Connor and Shelley Johnson were present from the board.

The regular Mtg. was called to order at 7:00 pm by Sarah Evans. She declared a quorum.

Sarah asked if the board members had a chance to review the minutes from the September meeting. A motion was made by Peter to approve the September minutes as submitted; Mike seconded; all approved. The approved September minutes will be submitted to the Village Clerk by the Planning Board secretary.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

- Sarah had sent the board a copy of the new law proposed by the Village board regarding the definition and number of domestic animals permitted within the village limits. Concern was expressed by a number of board members about the vagueness of the language in the proposed law. Sarah said she was worried that this wording would leave the village open to lawsuits.
- Shelley noted that changing the definition of domestic animal would not address the stated issue of concern regarding the operation of commercial kennels within village limits - that these businesses are already not permitted in the current laws. Shelley said that kennels need to be defined. She suggested that AgriMarket standards could be used for definitions and state laws.
- Brian suggested that the board should reply that the request to set a limit to the number of animals permitted is too subjective for the board to give an opinion, as requested. Shelley agreed that there were too many contradictions within the law, as written - the purpose is not clear and wouldn't be enforceable.
- Peter said that if the intent is to limit the breeding of animals outside of the ag district, this should be specified.
- Shelley suggested our reply be that, in reviewing the requested change to the definition of domestic animals, we find this request in contradiction to the section 140-20 of the current law. The Village Board should consider review of NY State Ag and Market laws for the keeping of domestic animals, kennels, breeding and boarding facilities.
- Regarding chapter 51-2, on barking and howling dogs, the board suggests that the Village Board review the current laws and make a determination within this context.
- In addition, after a careful review of the Village Code, the Planning Board finds that kennels are already not permitted outside the Ag District.
- Brian moved to submit a letter to the Village with these recommendations, Peter seconded, all were in favor.
- The board agreed to table until next month further examination of model laws for Senior Housing Regulations from other NY communities.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00.

Sarah asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Brian made the motion, and Mike seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Musante  
Recording Secretary