

Village of Deposit Planning Bd. Mtg.
July 13, 2022

Attendees: Sarah Evans, Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Mike Musante, Gail Musante, Peter Carson, Brian Riter, and John O'Connor (alternate) were present from the board. Mtg. was called to order at 7:06 pm by Sarah Evans. She declared a quorum.

Old Business: Sarah asked the secretary to read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by Peter to approve the April minutes as read, Mike seconded, all approved. The approved minutes will be submitted to the Village Board by the Planning Board secretary.

New Business:

- Sarah asked Shelly if the planning board could use meetings without agenda items for training. Shelly said that this could be done.
- Sarah also asked about the by-laws. Shelly said by-laws would have been written at the time of the formation of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Sarah said the planning board might like to review them to see what our duties are as a board.
- Since there was no other business before the board today, Shelly offered a training session to update the planning board on the new Climate Act adopted by the state in 2019. The implementation plan for this Act has now been written setting standards for new buildings. She was very concerned about the mandates that were written into this draft plan. By next year, new buildings would need to be fully electric. By 2030, home owners of existing buildings would have to convert their buildings to be fully electric. Any new appliances, however, even in existing buildings, would have to be replaced with electric appliances - building permits would be required for any appliance replacements.
- She feels that the existing grid will not support these initiatives.
- She noted that the NY Planning Directors Association requested that experts in land use be included in the task force committee writing this implementation plan, but this request was ignored. She felt the task force also neglected to observe proper public outreach regarding this plan for implementation of the Climate Act. She objected to the fines and penalties involved in the implementation plan which she said were unrealistic and unaffordable for upstate communities. The Delaware County Board has written a White Paper and a letter which has been forwarded to municipalities in Delaware and Broome counties and submitted to the state as public comment.
- Sarah inquired whether the Planning Board might want request that the Village Board read and act on the resolution that Shelly sent to the municipalities. Shelly said that since this would affect code enforcement officers and would impact site plans and the comprehensive plan, we could vote on a request for the Village Board to review the report and to comment on it.
- Peter made a motion that the Planning Board ask the Village Board to research the Climate Act implementation plan and the Delaware County White paper written by Kevin Young. We request that the Village Board provide feedback to NY State regarding the impact of the proposed implementation plan on our community. Mike seconded the motion and all approved.

Sarah asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Mike made the motion, and Peter seconded. All approved.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10, at 7:00. Shelly will offer a class on Introduction to Planning Boards, if no other business arises.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Musante
Recording Secretary