

Town of Smithville
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2019

Planning Board Chair, Shane Butler, called the Planning Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board Members: Chair, Shane Butler, Robert Brooks, Adam Whitbeck, Pamela Holcomb, and Julie Hatfield

Planning Board Members Absent/Excused:

Others in Attendance: Lori Eaton, Planning Board Clerk and residents, Mary & Bill McBride

7:00 Chair Butler called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Chair Butler asked for approved of the February minutes.
Bob Brooks moved to approve the minutes. 2nd by Adam Whitbeck.

7:02 New Business:

Mr. & Mrs. McBride presented a completed Site Plan Review application along with a sketch of the proposed 26x30 addition to their home. Bob Brooks made a motion to accept the application. Pam Holcomb 2nd. All Ayes. Chair Butler signed the application. Mrs. McBride gave a check for the \$50 application fee made out to the Town of Smithville to Chair Butler which he placed in Town Clerk Owens' mailbox.

7:08 Walden Ridge Subdivision

On March 2, 2019, Bob Brooks purchased 125 acres from the Carr Farm Estate Auction. He wishes to divide the property into 10 parcels. He presented a map to the Planning Board members. Mr. Brooks has surveyors and lawyers in place and asked for a proposed Public Hearing on April 3rd, 2019. Mr. Brooks has completed the Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) form. Mr. Brooks gave a check made out to the Town of Smithville to Chair Butler which was placed in Town Clerk Owens' mailbox. Chair Butler called for a motion to schedule a public hearing on April 3rd. Adam Whitbeck proposed a motion which was 2nd by Julie Hatfield. All Ayes.

7:24 Right to Farm Law

Chair Butler sent a letter to all of the Town Supervisors recommending a Right to Farm Law for all municipalities. This law protects farmers from area residents complaining about smells. Bob Brooks asked if a public hearing would be necessary to which Chair

Butler said yes. Adam Whitbeck asked if Smithville would be drafting their Right to Farm Law based on the town of Guilford's. Chair Butler stated that Guilford's is the one used in all of Chenango County. Chair Butler suggested eliminating the use of a town mediator, however, and allowing Agri Markets to act as mediator. Chair Butler said he will send a copy to all Planning Board members and plans to present it at the next Town Board Meeting.

7:26 Mammography Van

Chair Butler received a phone call from Adriann Colleta with Lourde's Hospital. She would like to bring the mammography van to Smithville. Chair Butler told Ms. Colletta to contact Town Clerk Owens about this matter. Chair Butler stated that Lourde's would have to obtain a permit to reserve the parking lot, but he believes the fee would probably be waived.

7:27 Old Business:

Road Preservation Law

Chair Butler presented all members with a final draft of the Road Preservation Law. Town Clerk Owens provided Highway Superintendent Witkoswki with a copy of the rough draft. However, Chair Butler has not yet received any comment from him. Mr. Witkowski was not present at the Planning Board Meeting, so Chair Butler placed a copy of the final draft in Mr. Witkowski's mailbox.

7:31 Town Board Updates

Chair Butler asked Bob Brooks if there were any other updates from The Town Board Meeting other than Mr. Cioffi being appointed to the Board of Assessment and the town insurance policy. Mr. Brooks that a couple of the highway employees attended the meeting and were supportive of Mr. Witkowski.

7:33 Adjournment:

Chair Butler proposed adjournment if there were no other comments. Pam Holcomb proposed the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Eaton
Planning Board Clerk

Next Planning Board Meeting is April 3, 2019