

PITTSFORD ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Minutes

January 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Heinzelman, Julie Marcellus, Jim Pippin, Lindsay Clark, Jackie Ebner

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug DeRue, Director of Planning Zoning & Dev., April Zurowski, Environmental Board Secretary, Bill Smith, Town Supervisor

ABSENT: Hali Buckley, Seth O'Bryan

CHAIRMAN: Steve Heinzelman

Chairman Heinzelman opened the meeting at 7:12PM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Chairman Heinzelman made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2021. Board Member Julie Marcellus seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved following a unanimous voice vote.

TOWN BOARD UPDATE: Bill Smith

Town Supervisor Bill Smith informed the Environmental Board that the process has begun to certify the Town as a "Climate Smart Community". This certification can be achieved through the NYS Climate Smart Communities program. Supervisor Smith explained to the Board that the Town Board has resolved that the Environmental Board will serve as the "Task Force" for the project, alongside Town Board Member Stephanie Townsend as "Coordinator". He notified the Board that many requirements for the certification are already in effect within the Town, but that future proposals for projects will be addressed by the Task Force and Coordinator.

Board Member Jackie Ebner asked Supervisor Smith if Town Board Member Townsend will submit comments on behalf of the Town. Supervisor Smith responded that the Town Attorney, Robert Koegel, will communicate with the State.

Board Member Jim Pippin asked Supervisor Smith if there will be an annual report of completed actions. Supervisor Smith informed the Board that Town Board Member Townsend will communicate completed milestones with the Task Force.

Supervisor Smith asked the Environmental Board for suggestions regarding upcoming ecologically-friendly projects. He informed the Board that the Town has received a grant to complete further green development.

Chairman Steve Heinzelman asked the Board to come up with new locations for electric vehicle charging stations. Supervisor Smith suggested the possibility of a charging station at the Highway Department, stating that many vehicles may be replaced, with time, to electric vehicles.

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Board Member Jackie Ebner asked Supervisor Smith for an update regarding the Town's Community Solar program. Supervisor Smith responded that the Town is still accepting applications and another round of applicants may be accepted in the future.

Chairman Heinzelman asked Supervisor Smith for information regarding the Zoning Code Update meetings. Supervisor Smith informed the Board that the process is still in early stages due to the Town's consultants moving to Bergmann Associates. However, he expects the update to be completed before the end of 2022.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE: Doug DeRue, Staff Liaison

Doug DeRue informed the Board that the upcoming Planning Board meeting, on January 10th, will open hearings for the Verizon cellular site applications. He stated that the Town is mainly concerned with the height of the proposed stealth tree facility at Transfiguration Church. Mr. DeRue stated that the Town believes the tree may need to be relocated or decreased in height.

Board Member Jim Pippin asked if the tree facility, as currently proposed, is within a fall zone of neighboring properties. Mr. DeRue stated that the tree is within a fall zone.

Board Member Lindsay Clark asked if the cell facility will provide better coverage for the Pittsford Mendon High School. Mr. DeRue stated that it appears the cell facility will penetrate the school.

Doug DeRue informed the Board that the Town Board may receive an application to allow a dock within the conservation easement in the Bridleridge subdivision. However, there is no application at this time.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

Board Member Julie Marcellus introduced the idea for the ban of gas leaf blowers. Board Member Jackie Ebner stated that this idea has been implemented in other regions throughout the country that may be used as a model in the progression of this project.

Chairman Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM.

Respectfully,

April Zurowski
Secretary to the Environmental Board