

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
410 West Ave
Medina, NY 14103
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
January 8, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Fenton (Chairman)
Thomas Kline absent
Tim Elliott
Richard Fisher
Kathy Blackburn (vm)
Dan Fuller absent

Others Present

Olivia Meikle
Lorrie Thering
Edward Thering
Dan Wolfe

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Fenton opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 pm. He then asked Kathy Blackburn to sit in as a voting member.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Fenton called for a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 Agenda. Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the meeting agenda; second by Kathy Blackburn. All in favor, the motion was carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of minutes for the December 4, 2019 meeting. Motion was made by Richard Fisher to accept the minutes as written, Tim Elliott seconded the motion. All in favor, the Motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

-Chairman Fenton passed a thank you note from Johanna Swan for the sympathy card sent from the board members. He also shared the emails sent to both the zoning and planning board from residents of Swett Road concerning the proposed solar project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Olivia Meikle from Next Era Energy Resources presented the Planning Board Members with an alternate plan for a Solar Project at 2800 Swett Road, Lyndonville, NY that is within the setback requirements of the Town of Ridgeway Zoning Regulations. The owners of the Swett Road property, Lorrie and Edward Thering were present. The changes in the new plan are all within the setback requirements of the town. The landscaping is now a double staggered tree line planted 16ft apart vs. 20ft, trees will be 6-8ft when planted growing to approx 15ft. There will be approximately 1000 less panels (approx 10,000). The panels are now fixed/tilt from east to west and are all 200ft from Swett Rd. After discussion between

the board members and the Next Era representative, a motion was made by Tim Elliott to send the proposed plan to the County Planning Board. It was seconded by Richard Fisher. All were in favor with 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion was carried.

Next Era will present an electronic version of the proposed project for the County Planning Board as well as 5 paper copies (1 for the County Planning Board, 1 for MRB engineering, and 3 for the towns planning board). A public hearing will be announced at the next meeting in February, 2020. It was suggested we have the town's attorney present for the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Fenton announced that Kathy Blackburn will be the voting board member for the first 4 meetings of 2020.

Chairman Fenton asked if there were any further questions or concerns. Since there were none, Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Blackburn made the motion and was seconded by Richard Fisher. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joelle Brown
Planning Board Clerk