

**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN  
PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

January 7, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Council Room, Municipal Building

**PRESENT:**

Steve Conley, Chairman  
Stephen Gould, Secretary  
Steve St. Pierre  
Kris Laney  
Joel Greenwood, Planner  
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT** : Todd Smith, Vice Chairman, Harvey Austin, Brady Chapman

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Bryan Belliveau, Code Enforcement Officer  
Jason Gayne, Chamber of Commerce  
Gene Rouse  
David James

**1) QUORUM:**

Planning Board Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Quorum was present.

**2) MINUTES OF THE November 19, 2019 PLANNING BOARD MEETING TO BE APPROVED:**

Motion by Stephen Gould to approve the November 19, 2019 Planning Board meeting minutes, as written. Seconded by Steve St. Pierre. Motion passed 3-0.

**3) SITE PLAN**

Joel said he has received the application from Revision for the proposed solar array on East Ridge Road. He said he has requested that they provide a few more items in their application so as soon as he receives them then they can move forward.

**4) ITEMS BY THE PUBLIC:**

Jason Gayne asked if there had been any discussion about putting in a moratorium on solar panels in town since there are so many looking to set up here. He is concerned about not leaving much open space for other new businesses to build in town. Joel said that there hadn't been any discussion about it and if a moratorium were to be discussed it would have to be approved by the Selectmen. Joel said from what he understands there is only a certain number of these arrays that the current infrastructure can handle in an area so it looks like it might cap itself off eventually unless upgrades are done to the infrastructure as well.

Joel said they will be having a solar array forum at KVCOG on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am if anyone is interested in learning more about how it all works as far as capacity on the grid and procedures.

**5) COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A) Ordinance discussions continued.

Joel said the one that was held over from last year to look into was the Victualer's Ordinance. Steve Conley said he didn't remember where we had left off on that one. He suggested that they all get a copy of it to review and they can talk about it at the next meeting.

Steve Conley said they had been asked at the joint meeting about a possible fireworks ordinance. Joel said that they need to be careful restricting fireworks in certain areas of town because that is basically zoning.

**7) NEW BUSINESS:**

**8) ITEMS BY:**

**a) SELECTMEN:**

None

**b) DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Bryan Belliveau said another ordinance they might need to look at updating is the Building Safety Ordinance.

**c) MEMBERS:**

Kris Laney said one thing that he has been thinking about is what could come in to town and really boost the tourism and economy for Skowhegan. He said the one thing he came up with is a casino. He said he has done some research and still has more to do but from what he has seen so far it has done wonders for Bangor and Oxford. The revenue coming in from that would be amazing for the town.

**d) CHAIRMAN:**

**e) STAFF:**

Joel drafted a letter for them to review addressed to the Charter School reminding them to submit their parking plan as per the conditions of approval on the Site Plan. Everyone reviewed it and said it looked good.

**9) ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Stephen Gould to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., Seconded by Steve St. Pierre.

Motion passed 3-0.

**Minutes approved on February 4, 2020.**

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**Chairman**

