

Saratoga County
Tom Lewis, Chairman **Planning Department** **Jason Kemper,**
Director

Saratoga County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2016

The meeting held at the office of the Saratoga County Planning Department located at 50 West High Street in Ballston Spa was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The following members, staff and guests were present:

Members Present: Tom Lewis, Chairman, Don McPherson, Connie Wood, Devin Dal Pos, Paul Loomis and Ed Vopelak, Ian Murray.

Guest: Steve William, The Daily Gazette

Staff: Jason Kemper, Director, Michael Valentine, Senior Planner; Jaime O'Neill, Planner, Cyndi Nick Secretary.

Recusals: Don McPherson recused himself from referrals #16-01,16-03,16-06 Ian Murray recused himself from #16-01 and Tom Lewis recused himself from # 16-07.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. McPherson and seconded by Mrs. Wood.

REFERRALS:

16-01 City of Saratoga Springs Planning Board

Mr. Valentine presented an application for Site Plan Review for the Skidmore Palamountain Hall parking reconstruction/geo thermal project. The project will decrease total parking spaces from 305 to 293 and increase the amount of open space across the 3.5 acres site. Mr. Valentine recommended No Significant County Wide or Inter Community Impact.

16-02 Town of Corinth Planning Board

Mr. Valentine presented an application for Site Plan Review of the Hunt Campground Community center which is the construction of a new part attached to a lean to that will serve as an indoor facility and will be used as a community center. This site is 102 acres with significant amount of wetlands and is currently a campground. Mr. Valentine recommended approval.

16-03 City of Saratoga Springs Planning Board

Mr. Valentine presented an application for Site Plan Review of the YMCA of Saratoga expansion of existing facilities along West Avenue. This is in the outdoor area of the YMCA and includes an area for archery, addition to the pool area. Mr. Valentine recommended Approval.

16-09 Town of Ballston Town Board

Ms. O'Neill presented the amendment to a local law from Ballston for the elimination of LED billboards along NYS Rte 50. The Town has law that limits the location of billboards within the town, NYSDOT allows LED lighting to be used for the billboards. The town has recognized that these types of lights are causing a traffic hazard along this corridor and wish to prohibit their use. Ms. O'Neill recommended approval.

16-10 Town of Ballston Town Board

Ms. O'Neill presented an amendment to a local law with respect to density bonuses. The town board wishes to eliminate the use of density bonus in the Ballston Lake Overlay District due to the lack of favorable outcome with respect to its original intent. Ms. O'Neill recommended approval.

A motion to approve Planning Department recommendations for the referrals as presented was made by Mr. Dal Pos, the motion was seconded by Mr. Vopelak and unanimously approved.

DISCLAIMER: Recommendations made by the Saratoga County Planning Board on referrals and subdivisions are based upon the receipt and review of a "full statement of such proposed action" provided directly to SCPB by the municipal referring agency as stated under General Municipal Law Section 239. A determination of action is rendered by the SCPB based upon the completeness and accuracy of information presented by its staff. The SCPB cannot be accountable for a decision rendered through incomplete or inaccurate information received as part of the complete statement.

SUBDIVISIONS

15-A-81 Town of Halfmoon Planning Board

Mr. Valentine presented the application of Mincer/Tanski for a four lot subdivision along Harris Road(CR#96). Discussion was held about creating a single driveway for the lot on Harris Road. Mr. Valentine recommended Approve with Comment on County DPW approval.

16-A-01 Town of Edinburg Planning Board

Mr. Kemper presented an application for subdivision of 30+/- acres along South Shore Road(CR#7). Due to steep slopes in this area, Mr. Kemper has recommended requesting additional information placing topography on the map prior to the County Planning Board rendering a decision.

A motion to approve Planning Department recommendations for the subdivisions as presented was made by Mrs. Wood. The motion was seconded by Mr. DalPos and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

As there was no other business to come before the board, on a motion made by Mr. Loomis and seconded by Mr. DalPos the meeting was adjourned with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime L. O'Neill, Planner