



PLANNING BOARD

TOWN OF PORTER

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Thursday, January 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town of Porter Planning Board was called to order at 6:55 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Chairperson J. Anthony Collard, Vice Chairperson Jeffrey Schulze, Member Robert Tower, Member Ryan Ross, Member Mark Fox, Code Enforcer Peter Jeffery, Attorney Michael Dowd, Planning Board Secretary Amy Freiermuth

Chairperson Collard announced that the Town Board reappointed him as the Chairperson of the Planning Board and Amy Freiermuth as the secretary. He continued that a Vice Chairperson needs to be named.

A motion to reappoint Jeffrey Schulze as Vice Chairperson was made by Member Tower and seconded by Member Fox.

With no further discussion and Member Schulze's acceptance, roll was called.

Chairperson Collard: Yes

Vice Chairperson Schulze: Yes

Member Fox: Yes

Member Tower: Yes

Member Ross: Yes

Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes from December 3, 2020 Planning Board meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Member Ross and seconded by Member Tower. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion regarding local law for small home-based contractor businesses.

Code Enforcer Jeffery stated that there are multiple code laws that should be modified and would like the input of both the Planning and Zoning Boards to move forward with a recommendation to the Town Board. He stated that he feels there are 5 areas to look at including:

- Special Use Permits for home base contractors including (not limited to) landscapers, carpenters, electricians, painters, etc.

- Driveway turn-around law
- Logging/tree operation (may warrant its own Special Use Permit category)
- Maximum number of dogs permitted per resident in the Town as well as possible code to address feral cats on personal property.
- Electrical inspector requirements for the Town including parameters to quality as registered inspectors.

A discussion occurred regarding thoughts and ideas on home-based contractors including the idea of having landscaping/lawn mowing business a separate category from plumbers, electricians, etc., due to employees, parking, equipment and supplies.

It was decided that Code Enforcer Jeffery would formulate a draft of the code changes to present to both the Planning and Zoning Boards for further input.

Code Enforcer Jeffery's report

Code Enforcer Jeffery's report was distributed. A brief discussion of some of the items ensued.

Correspondence / New / Old / Miscellaneous Business

Code Enforcer Jeffery stated that the proposed changes on the solar law (as suggested by the Solar Committee) are being presented to the Town Board for further action.

Attorney Dowd's report

Attorney Dowd had nothing further to report.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Member Tower and seconded by Member Fox. All in favor, motion carried.