

Approved January 5, 2017

**Village of Kinderhook  
Planning Board  
Minutes of December 1, 2016**

Present	D. Flaherty; S. Patterson, Chair; M. Browne; M. Cabral; B. Charbonneau; G. Smith, CEO/ZEO; R. Fitzsimmons, Village Attorney; R Phillips, Liaison
Also	J Dunham, Mayor; Bill Mancini
Call to Order	7:33 PM
New Business	Broad Street Bagel – Lot Line Adjustment 1-3/5 Broad Street 43.20-2-46/43.20-2-47  The draft application was discussed and then withdrawn by applicant
Old Business	NONE
Other	Solar Panel Regulations - The Mayor and Trustees have requested that the Planning Board look into this issue. Focus first on Commercial and Residential Ground Mounted Systems. There was an extensive discussion on this subject and the various attendees shared their ideas and understanding of the issues. Robert is suggesting that we consider a law that the Town of Livingston is pursuing and he distributed a draft copy of the proposed law. Mark Browne indicated that the Town of Kinderhook also has a draft law under consideration and that we should attempt to dovetail into their regulations and not be in conflict with them, if possible. Robert indicated that he was in touch with Andy Howard from the Town and would look into this request. There was a discussion of roof panels and the safety hazards that may be present with these systems. Glenn Smith was concerned about structural loading on older houses and Bruce was concerned about fireman responding to a fire at a house with roof mounted systems. It was agreed that the planning board needed to do additional research and continue to discuss this issue. It was agreed that the Planning Board will conduct a three (3) month review of this issue and forward a recommendation to the Village Board.  PODS - The Mayor and Trustees are asking the Planning Board to look into regulations around the use of these storage units. Glenn shared information on this topic as found in a July/August NY Zoning Law and Practice Report issued in 2016. The article suggests regulation and

guidelines to be considered around this issue. The Planning Board discussed how these units were being used within the Village and listened to ideas on how best to manage this issue. The Planning Board will need to conduct additional research and is looking into how other local communities are addressing this issue.

Signs - The Mayor and Trustees have for some time asked the Planning Board to develop sign regulations for sandwich boards and come up with a recommendation of how to best implement improvements to directional signs that point traffic to our businesses. This issue has surfaced again and the Planning Board agreed to come up with recommendations in this area. Some of the challenges relative to the sandwich sign regulations were discussed, namely, we cannot regulate content, it is hard to say what is in good taste, the areas where the signs can exist needs and the hours that the signs are displayed needs to be finalized.

The Mayor briefed the Planning Board on the progress of the Main Street Grant.

Bill Mancini attended the end of the meeting and informed the Planning Board that he was pursuing a Unified Permit associated with the Climate Smart Community Action Plan.

Comp Plan Update - Public hearing Set for December 14th , 7 pm - There was a brief discussion on the current status and next steps.

Letterhead discussion was tables for next meeting

Next Meeting January 5, 2017

Adjournment 8:45 PM M. Cabral moves to adjourn; D. Flaherty seconds; all in favor.

Kristina Berger

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Secretary to Planning Board