

Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission  
SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS &  
REGULAR MEETING of August 12, 2020  
**MINUTES**

Special Meeting began at 4:00p.

Public Comments were received concerning the proposed solar energy regulations and the proposed solar energy moratorium.

**Solar Energy Regulations Proposal**

The Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of County Commissioners discussed the proposed solar energy regulations.

Mr. Kennedy moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed solar energy regulations with the amendments to the definition of Solar Energy Facility proposed by Mr. Gertsch and himself. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried

**Solar Energy Moratorium**

Discussed moratorium on solar energy siting. Took no action.

**Regular Meeting**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (Time: 5:28p)**

**Chairman: The Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission will come to order.**

**Chairman:** Will the secretary call the roll.

Vote: Mr. Cunningham: Present

Mr. Miller: Present

Mr. Kennedy: Present

Mr. Spiegelberg: Present

Chairman Moore: Present

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Chairman:** Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda for August 12, 2020?

Chair will entertain a motion to accept the agenda for August 12, 2020, as presented.

Kennedy requested to delete items D and E from the agenda as they had been addressed in the joint meeting.

So moved by Commissioner Kennedy

Seconded by Commissioner Miller

Motion carried

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman:** Are there any corrections to the minutes for the July 8, 2020 special and regular meetings?

Chair will entertain a motion to accept the minutes for the July 8, 2020 special and regular meetings as presented/with corrections.

So moved by Commissioner Kennedy

Seconded by Commissioner Miller

Motion carried

#### **V. DISCLOSURES:**

**Chairman:** The Chair calls for any disclosures to be known.

No disclosures

**Chairman:** The discussion will be conducted in accordance with the State Statutes, the Rules of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and other applicable laws. I would ask the individuals who address the Commission to approach the lectern, identify yourself, and state your address.

#### **VI. PUBLIC APPLICATIONS**

#### **VII. CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS**

##### **A. Amendments to the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone**

Mr. Cunningham moved to table APOZ amendments until at least the December 2020 meeting. Zoom is not a good forum for discussion on something this important. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Kennedy asked to move it to November 2020 instead.

Ms. Trent suggested making a motion that the meeting will be contingent upon when the county will allow meetings in person.

Mr. Kennedy moved to accept the suggestion of Ms. Trent. Mr. Miller seconded.

Motion carried to table item until the county can meet in person.

Sarah Gorin – representing ACCWA. It's been over a year on these regulation revisions. Agrees with frustration with packet delays. Would like commenters to be treated equally (i.e., everyone's identity is known).

##### **B. Extension of the Moratorium on Development in the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone**

Planning and Zoning Commission discussed whether or not they wanted a moratorium.

Mr. Spiegelberg moved for moratorium to expire. Mr. Miller seconded.

Motion carried

**C. Wind Regulation Discussion with Board of County Commissioners**

Discussion and possible direction for staff.

Gertsch explained the comments from the Board of County Commissioners and explained that their consensus was that BCC likes the current process PZC has been using.

The wind regulation discussion will be on the September meeting agenda.

**IX. OTHER ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Next Meeting September 9, 2020**

Mr. Miller moved to hold the October through December meetings at 2 pm. Mr. Kennedy seconded. Motion carried.

**XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topics**

The commission listened to comments from the public.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman:** There being no further business to conduct, the Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

So moved by Commissioner Cunningham

Seconded by Commissioner Miller

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:57p.