

**TOWN OF SOMERSET
PLANNING BOARD
March 13, 2013**

Present: Jon Hotaling
Brian Carmer
Chris Czelusta
Gary Few
James Hoffman
Norman Jansen
Morgan Jones Jr., Counsel

Chairman Hotaling called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of B. Carmer, seconded by G. Few, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 6 Hotaling, Carmer, Czelusta, Few, Hoffman, Jansen
Nays 0

Resolved the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting are approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Code Enforcement Report for February received and filed.

Clerk Connolly read a letter from Fellowship House stating they are honored to be a part of Somerset, Appleton and Barker communities and that 1231 individuals have been admitted to Somerset House since they opened on October 20, 1986. They thanked the Board for their support to help these individuals and their families with their recovery from addiction.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Clerk Connolly provided the Board with the adopted rules of procedure that were adopted by the Town Board on March 12, 2013.

Discussion ensued regarding placing items on the agenda and the process that needs to be followed.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

N. Jansen nominated James Hoffman as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board.

On a motion of C. Czelusta, seconded by G. Few the following motion was

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Hotaling, Carmer, Czelusta, Few, Jansen
Nays 0
Abstain 1 Hoffman

Resolved nominations be closed and one vote be cast for James Hoffman.

SOLAR ENERGY PRESENTATION

Chairman Hotaling reported on the presentation on solar energy at the Barker Fire Department held on February 21, 2013.

J. Hoffman gave an overview of the information that was disseminated including weight, height and safety procedures used by emergency personnel in case of a fire.

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Extensive discussion ensued regarding building permits being needed for solar installation with review of draft regulations.

Chairman Hotaling asked Clerk Connolly to prepare the initial draft for discussion at the next meeting.

EMERALD ASH BORE

J. Hoffman provided information to the Board that he received at a meeting in Lewiston with NYSDEC regarding the breakout of emerald ash bore. He explained the precautions that need to be taken when detected. He said DEC is pessimistic about being able to stop this infestation.

EXTENSION OF NATURAL GAS LINES

J. Hoffman reported on the extension of natural gas lines as addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that he is having a hard time obtaining a map identifying where the gas lines are in Somerset.

Discussion ensued regarding extending lines and ways to obtain the information.

Chairman Hotaling said he will contact Andrew Reilly from Wendel to see if they have any information. G. Few said he will talk to Paul Ferington, who spearheaded a request for natural gas line extension along Huntington Beach and Lakeview Drive.

Robert Longstreet, representing the Village of Barker Planning Board, reported on the status of the former Birds Eye property, stating the proposed use of a parcel that was sold is not going to happen. He said there is another parcel owned by the Village that is available for purchase.

There being no further business, C. Czelusta moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM, seconded by N. Jansen. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Connolly, MMC
Town Clerk/Secretary