

WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2011

- 1) Workshop: 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
- 3) Roll Call & Determination of Quorum
 - a) Members Present: Tom Jarrett-Chairman, Ted Bigelow-Vice Chairman, Bob Liebig, John Pedersen, Rick Percoco, Lee Comar and Howard Hunt
 - b) Members Not Present: Louis Marchaland, Tom Kearney and Mason Ormsby
 - c) Staff from Washington County LDC: Tori Riley, President and Deanna Derway, Office Coordinator.
 - d) Other attendees: Sara Chase-Assistant County Attorney, Lawrence Brilyea
- 4) Approval of Minutes- October 11, 2011:

Moved: Comar Second: Hunt
Motion: To Approve as Presented
Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Ayes: 4
Carried: Yes
- 5) Communications: Discussion about APA notices, the members prefer having them sent electronically and presented with hard copies at the meetings; they do not need to be included in the mailed packets.
- 6) Report from the Chair and Discussion: The Chairman discussed the issue of keeping comments professional and above the board at all times during the Planning Board meetings. There was also discussion regarding the need for applicants with projects on the agenda to attend the meeting to represent their project and answer any questions the Board may have for them. The LDC staff will continue to call the applicants each month to encourage them to attend the meetings.
- 7) Old/Unfinished Business: None
- 8) New Business
 - a) GML Reviews:
 - i) Town of Kingsbury – The referral review was for a ‘Site Plan Approval’ to operate a Redemption Center for bottles and cans on the property located at the corner of Burgoyne Ave. and Notre Dame Extension. Larry Brilyea was present to represent the project. There was some discussion regarding signage and Larry said that he will have a collapsible sign to bring in each night and the business name painted on the window. A discussion also took place regarding the disposal of the bottles/cans after they’ve been received. The Board expressed their concern over containers and recyclables being stored outside to which Larry responded that all storage will be kept inside.

Site Plan Approval

Applicant: Larry Brilyea

Location: 3606 Burgoyne Ave.

Motion: Matter of Local Concern with Comment

Comment: The County Planning Board discourages any outdoor storage of containers/recyclables.

Moved by: Bigelow Second: Comar

Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 5

Carried: Yes

- ii) Town of Fort Edward – The referral review was for an ‘amendment of a zoning ordinance or local law’ proposing to allow: 1) Boundary Line Adjustments and 2) ”Family” Subdivisions without Application Fees. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this change and the affect that it will have especially regarding agricultural usage. There was further discussion about how this change will affect the use of Article 78 since this new process bypasses Board approval.

Adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance or local law

Applicant: Town of Fort Edward

Local Law No. 2 – Exempting Family Subdivisions from Application Fees

Motion: Matter of Local Concern

Moved by: Bigelow Second: Pedersen

Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 5

Carried: Yes

Local Law No. 1 – Amending the Fort Edward Zoning Law and Land Subdivision Regulations to Provide for Boundary Line Adjustments

1. Motion: Matter of Local Concern

Moved by: Pedersen Second: Hunt

Nays: 2 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 3

Carried: No

2. Motion: Matter of Local Concern

Moved by: Pedersen Second: Hunt

Nays: 3 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 2

Carried: No

3. Motion: Matter of Local Concern w/comment

Comment: The Board suggests that the Town consider exempting agricultural usage under section 87-3A #2

Moved by: Percoco Second: Comar

Nays: 2 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 3

Carried: No

4. Motion: Approval w/comment

Comment: The Board suggests that the Town change requirements to exempt agricultural usage.

Moved by: Bigelow Second: Percoco

After discussion, this motion was withdrawn by Bigelow and seconded by Percoco.

Carried: Withdrawn

5. Motion: Matter of Local Concern w/comment

Comment: The County Board suggests that under section 87-3A #2 the Town consider Agricultural use to the size roll.

Moved by: Bigelow Second: Percoco

Nays: 1 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 4

Carried: Yes

9) Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.

Moved: Bigelow Second: Percoco

Motion: To Adjourn

Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Ayes: 7