

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Planning Board held on
December 1, 2016 commencing at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Stu Baker, Walt Lender, Doug McTyier, Scott Manning, Ben Leerkes, Don Meserve, Tonya Thompson, Town Clerk, and Amy Schryer, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Mike Powers

Others: Carl Wheeler (Hudson Headwaters Health)

Mr. Baker opening the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution #31-2016 brought by Ben Leerkes, seconded by Scott Manning to accept the minutes from June 2, 2016. **6-Ayes, 0-Nays, Carried**

Hudson Headwaters Health Network-150.34-9-18.019 (102 Race Track Road)-Sign Installation

Two Signs proposed

First - sign

- 5 foot by 84" Free Standing Sign
- 8' off the ground
- Internally LED Illuminated light

Second - sign

- Lit letter on the building
- (18 x18 square foot) in size
- Letters will light up, along with the insignia

Mr. Leerkes asked if there was problems in other places with in the town with internal lighting.

Mr. Baker stated that downtown has a preference to external lighting, but there isn't a fast rule about it.

Mr. Lender states that he thinks it is a good idea for the lighting because it is a very dark area.

Resolution #32-2016 brought by Scott Manning, seconded by Walt Lender to declare a complete application for Hudson Headwaters Health Network-150.34-9-18.019(102 Race Track Road)-Sign Installation. **6-Ayes, 0-Nays, Carried.**

Resolution #33-2016 brought by Walt Lender, seconded by Doug McTyier to approve the complete application for Hudson Headwaters Health Network-150.34-9-18.019(102 Race Track Road)-Sign Installation. **6-Ayes, 0-Nays, Carried.**

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Other Business

Air Methods

The Town Board will be talking next week about what they need to do about the DOT process on this project and that includes SEQR, and the Town Attorney, Mr. Fuller has advised that since this board will be doing SEQR, we should have some type of coordinated review between us and the Town Board, and that will be a subject at the Town Board meeting next week, and we will know more after that. The only other information that Mr. Baker has seen is on the Adirondack Park Agency website, the APA is considering a complete application for purposes of their review, so that is progress.

Mr. Leerkes asked why we would need to do SEQR wouldn't APA take jurisdiction.

Mr. Baker said that he doesn't think that just because they take jurisdiction that it dismissed their responsibility to do a SEQR as a board. If they request that the board do a review, they can grant it and then we can say it is on you, but there has been no such request.

Mr. Leerkes stated that he was under the impression from some training that if the Adirondack Park reviews, it absolves you from the SEQR.

Mr. Lenders says they have their own process.

Mr. Baker states that they do have their own process but his understanding as SEQR, we are not absolved.

Mr. Leerkes thinks it is a confusing issue.

Mr. Baker will raise the question with the Town Attorney.

2017 Planning Board Chairman

This board makes recommendation to the Town Board and the Town Board then appoints the Chairman at their organizational meeting early on in the New Year.

Resolution #34-2016 brought by Ben Leerkes, seconded by Don Meserve recommending that the Town Board appoint Stuart Baker for Chairman of the Planning Board for 2017. **6-Ayes, 0-Nayes, Carried.**

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Mr. Baker stated that Mr. Powers term will end at the end of this month, he is not sure if he is asking for a re-appointment. Mr. Baker would like to Thank Mr. Powers for his years of service on the Planning Board and for the Town.

Mr. Leerkes stated that he spoke with Councilman Taylor who was under the impression that the Planning Board is suppose to make a recommendation for Solar to the Town Board and wants to know where we stand on that.

Mr. Baker states that the Town Board has only pass a resolution asking for our recommendation on residential solar in the hamlet, and we have already done this.

Mr. Baker noted that if Mike Powers decides not to put in for additional term, there will be an open seat on the board along with an alternate. If anyone knows of anyone that can be recommended for this position they can see Tonya in the Town Clerks office.

Mr. Meserve wants to know about the 4 credit hours that the Planning Board must have. The Town Attorney was going to have a class, but has not had one. It was suggested to go online to do this. Can go to New York State, Department of State, Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution #35-2016 brought by Walt Lender, seconded by Scott Manning to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. **6-Ayes, 0-Nayes, Carried.**

Respectfully submitted, Amy L. Schryer, Deputy Town Clerk