

Colden Planning Board Meeting

January 17, 2017

Planning Board
Members Present: Frank Hrycik, Walt Kammer (Chairman), Linda Kotlarsz,
Peter Newsom, George Reinhardt, Rich Sheldon and
Bobby Walker

Also Present: Jesse Hrycik (Councilman), John Kotlarsz (Bldg. Insp/Code
Enf. Office), Guests Teresa Bosch & Bart Roberts from the
University Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning Research
Institute.

The January 17, 2017 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

Presentation by technical and management staff of the University of Buffalo Regional Institute:

Teresa and Bart were invited to attend the Planning Board Meeting to give insight on how to set goals for the Town of Colden by reviewing the One Region Forward plan. The plan serves as a practical roadmap for improving the mobility, promoting more efficient land use patterns, and strengthening basic infrastructure. Walt asked for more time to review the materials that were provided and the Planning Board will be in touch. The One Region Forward plan is different and independent from the Erie Niagara Regional Framework plan about which the Planning Board has been updated on in prior years by the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.

The second UB presentation demonstrated how to become a clean community. The goal is to help guide local governments implement actions that can save energy costs, create jobs, and improve the environment.

Earning Credit toward the Clean Energy Communities Designation:

1. Municipal bench marking – Measure energy usage town building larger than 1,000 sq.ft. and make information public on Town web page and update annually.
2. Upgrade municipal facilities – Certain energy saving options qualify
3. Adopt the NYS Unified Solar Permit – As the sole permitting method for Solar Installers to use for residential roof top or ground mounted solar panels.
4. Clean Fleets or EV Charging Stations – Purchase or own a Town electric vehicle or provide a EV power charging station for citizens and town use.
5. Convert to LED Street Lights – Fifty percent is required and the poles need to be bought for remaining lifespan..

Earn Credit toward the Clean Energy Communities Designation (continued)

6. Participate in Energy Code Enforcement Training – This will have no cost to the Town
7. Get Involved with Solarize Campaign – Community based campaign to get citizens to mount solar roof panels and receive a discount.
8. Community Choice Aggregation – Combine purchasing power for Energy source savings.
9. Become a Climate Smart Community – Local planning and policies, will take some time and research to comply.
10. Offer Energize NY Financing – For closing entities, basically financing commercial building owners to use.

The Town of Colden would need to complete four out of the list of ten tasks, to be eligible for a certain non-matching grants. The grant could even be used towards the update of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board Members will review the material and will discuss at the next meeting as well as formulate a recommendation to the Town Board once research is complete.

I. November Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the November minutes and Peter motioned to approve the minutes and Rich seconded, all were in favor.

II. New Planning Board Member

The Planning Board Members welcomed Bobby Walker.

III. Chairman Confirmation Annual Action

Rich motioned to nominate Walt for the 2017 Planning Board Chairman position with a quorum of seven members present. Peter seconded the motion. Walt gave a detailed overview of how he would like the Planning Board to proceed with future business if he was confirmed as Chairman. After discussing the nomination a vote was taken and six members approved and Walt abstained his vote.

Walt mentioned that the three hour safety course for First Responders on December 19th, 2016 was successful with over 51 attendees.

John asked the Planning Board to review Colden's accessory building before principal building law. He recently had a few applicants applying for permits without a principal building.

Walt asked the Planning Board Members to research the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning Regional funding source(s) for Comprehensive Plan updates. Walt

asked for Board Members to report back at the next meeting, and Bobby volunteered to communicate questions to the county point of contact for town plan updates.

As stated on the agenda:

Defer to February 2017:

Continue Discussion of Solar/PV Permitting Process & Possible Code

Temporary Signs

Historic District

Defer to 2017:

Meeting After Gathering More Budgetary Information

Special Use Permit

Specific Codes Sections to be Reviewed

Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM, George seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett