

The meeting was called to order by Roy Bergman at 7 p.m.

Members in attendance: Roy Bergman, Linda Kotlarsz, Richard Sheldon, Walter Kammer, Frank Hrycik, George Reinhardt, John Antkowiak.

Others present: Dave Arcara (councilman), Jessie Hrycik (councilman), Ron Fraser, Jim DiPasquale, John Kotlarsz, Mr. & Mrs. Cohn, and Mark (wind installer) from the Endurance Wind Power Company.

1. September minutes were discussed and Walt motioned for approval, Richard seconded, and all were in favor to pass.
2. Mr. Cohn introduced his proposal for a Wind Turbine. He would like to petition the Town to construct a 50 KW turbine- this will help with the massive amount of energy that is required to maintain the AquaPonic facility in the winter. This brought on new questions regarding regulations and safety; what category does this project fall under commercial or residential? What is the 'fall zone' of the turbine? Walt Kammer asked to have a maintenance schedule, installation guide, etc. of the turbine that will be used. Having this information will give a better idea of the correct code that needs to be enforced

Mr. Cohn was also wondering if the information that he gave the Planning Board about the real estate property tax reduction for the turbine would still be in effect. Walt confirmed that the present Colden WECS code does allow for that reduction in accordance with the NY code. At the present time there is not a Colden Local Law that would call upon taxation voluntarily allowed by NY code. Nor does Colden have a local law that would eliminate any obligation due under NYS law.

(Reference: Colden Code Chapter 106, paragraph 106-25 Effect on state property tax exemption - The Town of Colden reserves the right by local law to provide that no exemption pursuant to the provisions of New York State Real Property Law (RPTL) paragraph 487 shall be applicable within its jurisdiction)

Mr. Cohn also submitted his application to be licensed by the State Liquor Authority.

The Board asked for an update of the Grove, Mr. Cohn informed the Board that he was in the process of switching engineers at this time and planned on having an updated package to give the board within a couple of weeks.

3. Training- discussion of the Town employees being up to date with training requirements. John Antkowiak was going to ask Patti.

4. Signs- the matter of high intensity signs being used is an issue. It is out of character for country setting. Questions of being able to turn down the brightness, or having it on at different times came about.
5. Code Review- John Kotlarsz would like to go through the regulation codes and bring them up to date. Roy Bergman suggested setting up times to go through the book systematically.
6. Other matters- John Antkowiak brought up questions about the Planning Board being better prepared before people present. How can the Planning Board assist people to expedite all procedures? Should we have a set time limit in order to better prepare the Board members in approving proposals?

Linda motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:11 p.m., George seconded and all was in favor.