

# **Planning Board Regular Meeting Agenda**

## **Colden Planning Board, 20Feb24 Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM (EDT)**

***This meeting will be held as an In-Person Meeting, no Virtual Session, at the Town Hall 8812 State Rd, Colden, NY, 14033. THIS MEETING TOPICS ARE THE RESCHEDULED MEETING FROM 1/23/24. THE GRANT TOPIC(S) COULD NOT BE COVERED DUE TO VIRTUAL CONNECTION PROBLEMS WITH OUR ROTELLA GRANTS CONSULTANTS. WE WILL COVER THE GRANT SITUATION THIS MONTH FOR SURE!!!! THE AGENDA BELOW DEALING WITH GRANTS REMAINS SIMILAR TO THAT MEETING.***

### **Planning Board 2/20/24 7PM Meeting Agenda:**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Secretary
2. Chairman Introductory Comments, if any.
3. Approval of prior Planning Board Minutes from January 2024.
4. Continued dialogs with Town of Colden Consultant, Rotella Grants, for grant support to the Town of Colden. Ms. Wendy Salvati and Mr. Bernie Rotella will present ideas and thoughts on several suggested Planning Board potential grant topics to the PB for consideration.

The PB's suggested topics include:

- a) Parks & Recreation - Fund and create 1st Colden P&R Master Plan
- b) Parks & Recreation - Fund and obtain ADA upgrades to Walter Kummer Park playground equipment
- c) Parks & Recreation - Review potential new building in park for equipment, sanitary, and other purposes. Might need enhanced water service to new building as well as the first septic system installation at the new facility
- d) Parks & Recreation - Design and obtain funding for potential ADA accessible trail adjacent to the new Disc Golf Course routing.
- e) Sidewalk replacement from School to ECRT Trail and on to State Rd (considerations for the pending ECRT interconnection project to the school's new Mountain Bike course and fitness program(s). This will require approval authorization from the Colden Town Attorney before proceeding. Potential Funding, NYS DOT Safe Routes To School.
- f) Ag & Farmland - review possible design studies and goals as adopted in the new AFPP and obtain grant funding to execute them as appropriate
- g) Murray Hill Road - Rehab the storm and erosion damage to the roadway as being reviewed by the Colden Town Engineer and determine if any State or Federal grant funds might assist in the multimillion-dollar project; possible FEMA grant?
- h) Mill St Bridge over ECRT - review situation on bridge replacement (after authorization by Town Attorney) and then examine if any grant sources exist to restore fire and first responder access to the homes on the western side of that humpback bridge (which no longer meets specifications for the fire company access, thus necessitates long physical run of hoses from State Rd to several hundreds of feet west to the last homes, which is a response time concern). Potential NYS Program, "Bridge NY"?

- i) Senior Center and Town Hall - rehab and repair of the parking lot versus potential chip sealing by Town forces. Pavement has become broken, and various repairs due to water line maintenance required cuts and patches. If grant funding were available the lot improvements would aid both general safety as well as ADA access to the Town's facilities at the Hall and Senior Center. Note: Chip sealing, in any case, would still be a good shorter-term improvement pending any larger project under future grant applications.
- j) Presently Colden has no formal system and/or equipment in place to assist in the creation and maintenance (including old records) of a softcopy-based records archive in the Town. We likewise have no "in-house" means of hosting such a permanent archive so it will meet reliability and long-term stability IT standards. Possible funding for the end-to-end solution to this conversion to softcopy should be examined and a determination made as to the availability of grant funding to assist in this public records issue in Colden. Potential NYS Archives LGMIF initiative? (FYI: LGMIF= Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund)
- k) The hamlet in Colden has historical hamlet lighting posts and fixtures installed in the hamlet consistent with the older look of Colden. However, these fixtures are NOT lit with modern LED based luminaries in the lamp post heads. This causes increased energy costs for the Town as well as increased maintenance costs for the non-LED based lamps. We have attempted to address this with NYSEG but there is no workable solution with our electric utility. Therefore, we would like to examine if grant funding exists which would improve the historical lighting in the hamlet as well as improve safety considerations and security considerations within the hamlet.
- l) The Town desires that ALL residences and businesses in Colden have proper reflective address signs at their driveways. Presently a modest number of homes have reflective white on green address signs supplied by the Colden Fire Company over the years. However, the majority of structures in the Town do not have the signs. This hampers Fire and other First Responder identification of call locations. The Town Board is investigating funding sources for the materials (signs, lettering, mounting posts, hardware, etc.) necessary for the project. Since there are approximately 1200 residences in Town, the installation of posts and mounting requires a substantial effort. Consideration is being given for a volunteer activity by citizens and the members of the Fire Company. However, it may be prudent, from the timeline standpoint, to contract the installation, especially due to the shallow soil depths and the presence of rock and shale near the surface. This might require mechanical means for "pounding" the mounting posts properly. Any funding sources for this labor-intensive installation?
- m) Possible renewable energy source for the proposed new Building in Walter Kummer Park. The Town is interested in the possible use of renewable energy for the facilities at the Town Park. This would include area lighting, existing buildings, and the new proposed building. Roof mounted solar PV is possible due to the favorable orientation of the new park Building. But a more appropriate source could be geothermal for the new building heat and cooling. Do any funding sources exist for this type of modest size renewable energy project at a Parks & Recreation area? Since the Town does not qualify for "tax credits" and "tax related rebates" making any renewable project financially viable would require a Grant with only a modest cost sharing allocation, which generally makes NYSERDA sources non-workable. Rotella to advise.

5. Other business as may come before the Board.

6. Adjournment