

# **Planning Board Special Meeting Agenda**

## **Colden Planning Board, 23Jan24 Special Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</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 IS THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR PB MEETING FROM 1/16/24 WHICH WAS DEFERRED TO THE CONTINUED WINTER STORM IMPACT INCLUDING DRIVING BANS FOR SOME AREAS OF ERIE COUNTY. THE AGENDA REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THAT MEETING.***

### **Planning Board 1/23/24 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
4. **PB Advisory Recommendation – Colden Comprehensive Plan Update**
5. 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.

6. Other business as may come before the Board.

7. Adjournment

***Please note that ALL Planning Board and Town Board Members have been previously supplied with either a PDF file and/or a Dropbox link for the fetching/downloading of the Final Draft of the Colden Comprehensive Plan. It is assumed that all members have reviewed that Final Draft and supplied a narrative of any concerns well prior to the Planning Board Meeting. The Chairman has received comments, most of which are minor formatting or typo corrections which the Chairman has discussed with our consultant. Our consultant has verified that all suggested changes will be implemented in the Final Draft documents when it is issued after the Planning Board conditional advisory recommendation, hopefully during our meeting. The Town Board will then act on that "Final Final Draft", and that draft will be posted on the Colden Web site for Public Review well prior to the Public Hearing date to be set by the Town Board at their discretion.***