

TOWN OF SARDINIA  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2018

The Planning Board of the Town of Sardinia was brought to order on Wednesday June 20th, 2018, at 7:06 PM by Nancy Spink, with a quorum of the board assembled.

**Members Present:**

Nancy Spink  
Darren Farthing  
Christine Eisensmith  
Keith Reynolds

**Absent:**

Bob Hill  
Dan Szustakowski

**Guests:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes for the previous month were distributed. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Keith Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes. Christine Eisensmith seconded.

The motion **passed** by a vote of 4 ayes to 0 noes.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** Nancy stated that she heard from Dan who said he was going to try to attend the meeting but due to his work schedule, he couldn't - but he is interested in helping with the Comprehensive Plan. Dan had suggested that we could discuss one section of the Comprehensive Plan at each meeting, which is up for discussion.

Nancy reminded the members that the concepts within the Comprehensive Plan will need to be written properly to set the tone for what we want to do as a community over the next ten years, in case it needs to be used in court.

Nancy said the Town of Arcade has approached the Town of Sardinia regarding putting in water lines. Arcade is putting in water lines on Route 16 and wanted to know if Sardinia wanted to put them in too. Darren commented that only the hamlet of Chaffee has public water. Nancy added that if we wanted to develop the town's commercial aspects, and if we would select Route 16 as the corridor, it would be in the town's best interests to install water and sewer lines to attract businesses. She added that we would want to include this in the Comprehensive Plan as well. Also, If Gernatt continues to develop their site and reaches the water table, some residents may find themselves looking for public water/sewer. Should this happen, the town would need water in the Hamlet of Sardinia.

Nancy suggested that we send a questionnaire to residents for input so the Planning Board would have a better understanding of what the whole (responding) community wants for Sardinia. Nancy then brought up the idea of a joint meeting between the Planning Board and the Town Board – it will need to be a public open meeting, announced in the newspapers, and would likely be held in the fall of 2018.

Darren agreed that the survey sounds like a good idea. Christine said she is unfamiliar with the survey that was mailed years ago and doesn't recall receiving one. If a sample of the old one could be found, it could be discussed at a future meeting for updates and/or approval before being sent to residents.

Nancy stated that this is why the Comprehensive Plan needs reviewed in conjunction with results from a questionnaire. One example is the section on housing for the elderly. Nancy spoke with a group of seniors and found the majority of them to either be in assisted living or in their own homes. The assisted living facilities in Arcade and Springville all have vacancies; none have waiting lists. Therefore it would appear that Sardinia would not need to build senior housing, by the examples of these two villages – but a questionnaire might prove the opposite to be true if enough residents were asked and agreed to the need for senior apartments in the area, and these answers could be beneficial when editing the Comprehensive Plan.

Nancy mentioned the training (May 9) at Houghton and the class on grant writing. She plans to look further into writing grants for the town after retirement (2020 at the earliest). When the proposed pathway to the park was put into the Comprehensive Plan, it was written to benefit the children (a way to get them to the park). Sardinia could possibly get a grant for that, but when writing grants, one must have a change for the community positively for the good. The proposed trail would go through wetlands and give local nature enthusiasts (and possibly teenagers taking science in school) employment as nature guides. The trail would also give seniors a place to walk around town safely. If it benefits more than just the children, there is a broader range of grants to choose from and a better chance of receiving one. When asked how does the Town of Sardinia get a grant when the Town has so much money – the answer can be written as because we as a Town are fiscally responsible and have demonstrated that we can use our resources wisely, not appealing out of desperation, proving that grant funds would be put to good use and not mismanaged.

Nancy brought up the subject from last meeting regarding food trucks. She predicts that the Town will see an increase of food trucks and believes we should write a definition down like what was done for the wind towers. Nancy asked Angela to forward what she found (food truck correspondence/definitions for other municipalities) to the Planning Board by email to help with aligning Sardinia's definition with other areas' definitions. Nancy asked the members if they would write their thoughts on paper to present at the next meeting.

Nancy stated that Bob Hill will likely be absent from meetings for the next six months due to surgery.

There was also a group discussion about the current Spectrum cable lines that were currently being installed throughout the Town.

**New Business:** No further business was discussed.

Keith Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Christine Eisensmith seconded the motion.

**The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes to 0 noes.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Next scheduled meeting is July 18th, 2018 at 7pm.**

Minutes submitted by Angela Wojcik