

TOWN OF SARDINIA
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2022

The Planning Board of the Town of Sardinia was scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th, 2022, and was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Nancy Spink.

Members Present:

Nancy Spink
Bob Hill
Keith Reynolds

Absent:

Christine Eisensmith
Dan Szustakowski

Attendees

Mr. Andrew Reilly, Director of Planning & Environmental Planning, Wendel Companies
Beverly Gambino, Town of Sardinia Supervisor
Becky Burke, ZBA and Planning Board Secretary

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

1. A meeting of the Planning Board was not held on March 30th as there was not enough time to notify town residents of the meeting as required by law.

2. Nancy stated that Peter Sorgi, Attorney for NED, New Energy LLC, would not be attending the meeting as expected as he had not submitted all materials in a timely fashion as requested. He will have to submit the materials ahead of the next scheduled Planning Board meeting, May 18th in order to move forward with requesting a Special Use Permit.

Andrew Reilly had reports ready related to the solar project which he submitted to the Planning Board for their review in anticipation of the next meeting scheduled in May. The materials were the Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 and Part 2, last updated by Peter Sorgi, the NED New Energy Project Packet with the Permitting Requirements, Design and Application Requirements with comments as to missing items ending with the undated or signed, Special Use Permit, with a number of additional

conditions to be met by NED if to be approved.

3. Mr. Andrew Reilly, presented a packet of information related to planning for the upcoming update to the Town of Sardinia Comprehensive Plan. A handout containing an Agenda, a list of information needed for the update, the 2021 Vision for updating the Comprehensive Plan, and an Input on Scope Items Form with areas to input on: Economic/Business Development, Hamlets, Infrastructure/Utilities, Recreation/Community Services/Facilities, Transportation, Water Sheds, Zoning/Subdivision/Other Regulations, Agriculture, Community Character. He also provided a Vision Map outlining the different types of areas in the town, Agricultural, Hamlets, Hamlet Growth, Forest, Recreation, Conservation, Landfill, etc. He made the comment that there are many possible opportunities and issues as part of updating the plan.

He stated that Supervisor Beverly Gambino was setting up a committee specifically to work out what the Town would like the plan to include or change. He outlined a couple of options for a committee and the ramifications of each option.

One option was to include a couple members of the Planning Board and community members representing the varied constituencies within the town. In this case, only one Public meeting would be required, held by the Town Board.

A second option would be to include the full Planning Board and community members. This option would require two public hearings to be held, one by the Planning Board and one by the Town Board.

The members of the board will volunteer to have only some of the Planning Board members be part of this planning committee and invite as many members from the varied parts of the community as possible. Different strategies to engage community members were discussed. Beverly Gambino, the Town of Sardinia would make appointments of potential applicants to the committee.

Motion was made by Bob Hill, seconded by Keith Reynolds to adjourn. Vote was 3 to 0 approving this motion. Meeting was closed by Chairman Nancy Spink at 8:11 PM.

Next scheduled meeting is May 18th, 2022 at 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Burke, Town of Sardinia Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary