

Village of Alden Planning Board  
13336 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004

Unapproved minutes of the Planning Board meeting on February 18, 2026

Members present were : Dave Metz -chair, Sue Dewitt, Al Symanski, Stephanie Gasiiecki, and Esther Kibbe. Doug from Carminawoods.

Chair Metz called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

Absent – Schmidt & Lombardo

ARC 151 Slade Dr. Doug showed the proposed storage container, in place of a traditional greenhouse. It will have an attractive wrap on the outside and hydroponic growth shelves on the inside. This led to many questions from member Kibbe who is familiar with this type of system. She said they have to be cleaned out and refreshed frequently, which leads to increased water usage and sewer.

Superintendent of Public Works Dan Czelusta had the following:

1. On C401 states that the service connection for the art & craft building if removed, must be taken back to the main, per village code. This refers to sewer and water. Doug will look into this.
2. If they are disconnecting water, how will water have to be supplied to the grow room. How much water is anticipated? Will there be a backflow preventor to protect the village water system from chemicals that may be used? Water will be needed to clean out and refresh and will go to the sanitary system? Doug will find out rest got 2 &3.
3. Where will the drainage from watering the plants discharge? Into the village sanitary sewer? Or into the ground?

CEO Czechowski –

1. recommend revised phasing lines and parking space waiver request.
2. Existing building permit for the existing structure on the premises will need to be complete/close out prior to any further construction on said property.
3. With the DOT disapproval of the proposed driveway. A recommendation from the Planning Board on whether or not the proposed sidewalk should remain or be removed.
4. Please confirm with the DPW all utility connections/removals/modifications.

MOTION by Szymanski, seconded by Gasiiecki to amend the site plan to Village Board with modifications and confirmation of answers to the Superintendent and CEO questions.

Roll call vote – Kibbe – aye

Symanski – aye

De Witt – aye

Metz – aye

Gasiiecki - aye

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 by Sue DeWitt , second by Ester Kibbe , carried.

DeWitt – may not be available for the next meeting.

Next meeting March 18, 2026.