

# **Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

## **Sandy Creek Town Hall**

Members present: Frank Dixon, Bill Joyce, Richard Machemer, Pat Machemer, Sybil Cummins and Shirley Rice. Missing due to work: Larry Rice

Vice Chair Frank Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pat Machemer made a motion to accept the minutes of 4/6/22 as presented, seconded by Shirley Rice. All voted in the affirmative and the motion was passed.

Correspondence included a History Center report for the months of March and April, 2022; minutes of the Town Board special meeting dated 3/23/22; additional campground permits provided to the Town to date.

Bill Joyce gave the Treasurer's report noting that the only expenditures were for salaries of \$92.35 per board member and \$438.66 for Bill Joyce and EFTPS of \$164.48 for the past month. The account holds a balance of \$11,721.58. Bill reported that Larry Rice had called earlier in the week to say that he would be working out of town and would be unable to attend the meeting. A discussion followed concerning whether Larry should be paid while absent. The Board agreed unanimously that a work requirement should be considered an unavoidable absence and that any member missing a meeting for this reason should receive payment.

A discussion followed concerning the proposed moratorium for solar farms in the Village of Sandy Creek. Bill presented the moratorium to the Village Board at their meeting dated 5/2/22. They accepted the proposed law and Megan Sprague said that she would send it to the Village attorney, Joseph Russell, for review. Subsequently, the attorney replied in an e-mail saying "I have reviewed and have no issues with the proposed local law." He pointed out that the statute requires referral to the County Planning Board before the Village can act on it. Bill will send the moratorium to the County Planning Board immediately. He further recommended that the local law have a proposed one year time frame instead of six months. The Board agreed this would be prudent and Bill will amend the document prior to sending it on to the County Planning Board.

The Board then began a first look at the Village Local Law No.1 of 2017, Regulating Solar Energy Systems in the Village of Sandy Creek. Suggested edits were recorded on working copies of the document. It became clear that extensive work will be required to update the document. Richard Machemer suggested that a timeline for work required should be created such that the Board has an idea of important dates for completion of work required. Bill will work on this for the next meeting in June.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Richard Machemer and seconded by Sybil Cummins to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins