

Planning Board of the Town of Mexico
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held January 4, 2021
Via Zoom commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Nancy Weber, Chairman
Steve Salatti, Board Member
Matthew Mason, Board Member
Gary Toth, Board Member
Bonnie Loforte, Board Member
Rebekah Prosachik, Attorney

Absent: Ron Marsden, CEO
And 0 in the audience

Chairman Weber opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Board Member Mason and seconded by Board Member Salatti to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020 with corrections. The motion was unanimously adopted by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Old Business:

Yawman Special Permit

The Yawman's application was tabled by the ZBA so additional information can be sent by agencies. Prosachik said they are waiting for the response from the Ag and Market. . Mason asked if there was any opposition to the conditions made by the planning board. Weber said nothing was mentioned about conditions Mason questioned why the historical box was checked. Prosachik said it is automatically checked on the computer.

Miller Special Permit

Weber said there is nothing from Miller. The zoning officer would have to site him for operating a business without a permit. Diane Chepko-Sade was helping him with the application. The survey needed to be more specific. The map he had looks like a tax map. Weber said it needs to be drawn to scale. The saw mill is in the middle of the property. Waterbury said he would work with Marsden. Weber said he is setting a bad example. Prosachik said he could get a small area survey surrounding the area where the saw mill is located. It should be brought up to the town board next week. Weber said it is on hold. Waterbury said the application was deemed incomplete. Zook engaged an engineer so it is available to the Amish. Weber asked if they had to ask the zoning officer to attend meetings. Prosachik said no.

Weber said there is a solar company that is interested in the substation. They are in a zone where solar farms are allowed. Prosachik said it would be two to three months before they are ready to make an application.

New Business:

Ruffos Area Variance

The Ruffos area variance was sent back to the drawing board. Weber said a topo map was requested. Ruffos want to have the buildings aligned. It was tabled for clarification. Waterbury said the drawing isn't a current drawing. The house has an addition or a garage. The drawings need to accurately show the property.

Weber said she likes the open communication between the two boards. Loforte said she agreed.

Dishaw Special Permit

The Dishaw application was also tabled by the ZBA. After a long discussion the ZBA wanted to make sure it was under the correct classification. Weber said it was a wonderful discussion on classifications. When the Comprehensive Plan is complete the zoning law should be update pertaining to home businesses. The purpose was not to have people turning their property into industrial sites or parks.

All the applications were tabled. Loforte commented that it was fabulous to have applications.

The Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for January 27th from 6 to 8 on Zoom.

Weber said she owed the ZBA an apology because there wasn't an application last year from Miller. There was a discussion about having a workshop to talk about topics such as sawmills and duplexes on January 25th. How do you inform people that they can't just throw up a building? There is a communication problem in the community. Loforte said she would attend. Weber said she would send out a general invitation to everyone. Waterbury suggested getting together with Weber to prepare an agenda.

The planning board needs an alternate board member. Toth asked who to notify if someone is interested. Weber said to let Dishaw know. Prosachik suggested having any prospective board member attend a meeting to see what the board is about, how and why they do things.

A motion was made by Board Member Mason and seconded by Board Member Loforte to adjourn at 7:59. The motion was unanimously adopted by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dishaw
Town Clerk