

**Mexico Planning Board  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Held July 1, 2024 at the Town Hall  
Commencing at 6:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Nancy Weber, Chairwoman  
Karen Davies-Buckley, Counselor  
Gary Toth, Counselor  
Allison Trudell, Counselor

**Absent:** Bonnie Loforte, Counselor  
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer  
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney

And 2 in the audience.

Chairwoman Weber called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Toth and seconded by Weber to approve the June Planning Board minutes. Trudell asked to differentiate between Brad Trudell and Allison Trudell in the June minutes. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 ayes: Weber, Davies-Buckely, Toth, Trudell, and 0 nays.

**Old Business-**

**Local Law Updates**

Chairwoman Weber said the other committees are steaming ahead; we should begin thinking and combing through our parts of the local law and making a list of things we think are critical to be changed; when the comprehensive plan is finished, then we can open the door on the local law changes and we should be prepared to examine it before they sign off on the comprehensive plan; if we feel strongly about something we want to keep in the local law, then we need to be prepared to discuss any potential changes to the comprehensive plan that would jeopardize our feelings about the local law. Weber said the Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer, Attorney Seiter, and the ZBA would all be using this law on a regular basis. Weber said there was discussion about the process different applications go through.

Weber said accessory use language needs to be clearer. Trudell asked if potential changes will be included in the comprehensive plan. Weber said the comprehensive plan is a legal document but that it is not a law and our intent to change the local law does not need to be part of the comprehensive plan. Weber said the town hall meeting for the comprehensive plan was an introduction to the process of the plan; the town should consider equipment for projecting slide shows. Weber said that they will make it a point to bring up the input regarding the local law the next time the comprehensive plan committee meets.

Weber asked the board members to bring ideas about changes to the local law to the next meeting and to look especially at definitions, use chart, and how the town processes

applications. Weber also asked the board members to point out inconsistencies and other places that need clarity. Toth said the solar policy needs to be addressed. Weber said the wind and solar need to be separated and updated.

## **New Business**

### **Comprehensive Plan Town Hall Report & Farmland Preservation Grant**

Weber said the farmland preservation through NYS Dept Ag & Market provides a grant to help communities protect farmland; the town and village received a combined \$50,000 grant to help them hire someone to write an addendum to include as part of the comprehensive plan. Toth said there is a consultant lined up to do the work. Weber said Oswego County Soil & Water is involved, environmental groups, forest managers, and SUNY ESF is involved.

Weber said a newly forming working group, once the structure is set, the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings will be open to the public and is hoping that will be set by the end of the summer. Toth said even if minutes aren't required, the board should consider doing it anyway just for transparency's sake. Toth said it's important that we update and complete it because the importance of a comprehensive plan with Micron coming into the area is critical. Weber said we do have a plan in place but it's just old and outdated.

## **Other Business**

Weber said the next Planning Board meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Town Hall as regularly scheduled.

A motion was made by Toth, seconded by Davies-Buckely to adjourn at 7:35. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 ayes: Weber, Davies-Buckely, Toth, Trudell, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild  
Town Clerk