

PITTSTON PLANNING BOARD MEETING-----October 11, 2018

Those present: Marlene Colvin, Terry Shepherd, Jane Hubert, Andrea Sparrow, Jim Lothridge, Dan Taggart, Jason Daugherty, Todd Aubuchon, Susan Aubuchon, John Andrus, Josh Baston, Kevin Calloway, Mr. and Mrs. Reis, Vanessa Croxford, Ellsworth Lawrence and Debbie MacInnes.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Terry Shepherd, at 6:33 p.m.

A quorum was established.

There was no mail.

Andrea Sparrow made a motion to approve the Planning Board minutes of September 13, 2018, as corrected. Terry Shepherd 2nd. It was a 6-0 vote.

6:45 Andrus Community Solar Farm Public Hearing

Jim Lothridge attended the site visit on September 29, 2018. Jim reported that a neighbor, Vanessa Croxford's view has changed substantially. If this project had been to the Planning Board before it was constructed, Jim would have made it a condition that bushes or some sort of screening be placed by the solar panels. Jim is not opposed to the operation, he just thinks it needs to be more conducive to the neighbors. John Andrus explained that he has done a lot of work at that site, like cleaning up the burnt barn. Marlene Colvin, Chair of the Planning Board, reiterated that businesses need to come before the Planning Board, BEFORE they are built. Jim Lothridge stated that this is not the ideal situation, but there needs to be a solution and put this behind them. John Andrus said that he had been planning on doing something for screening, but had just not gotten to it yet. Jim Lothridge said that it is time to get to it. Jason Daugherty also stated that ReVision needs to come to the Planning Board FIRST next time.

It was decided that Vanessa Croxford and ReVision Energy would come back to the next Planning Board meeting with recommendations from an arborist on what would be the best tree to plant as a screen for this area.

John Andrus asked if the new plantings could be planted on the property line because he wants to keep the trees out of the hay field. Marlene Colvin stated that trees should be planted 10 to 20 feet back from the property line.

The hearing was recessed and will continue on November 8, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

7:00 Aubuchon Junk Yard business application

Mr. and Mrs. Aubuchon withdrew their junk yard application. Susan Aubuchon stated that on or about, April 16, 2018, Ernie Martin, Pittston’s Code Enforcement officer, had given the Aubuchon’s 180 days to be in compliance with how many unregistered vehicles could be on their property. Mrs. Reis asked if at the end of 180 days, will all of the cars will be gone. Mrs. Reis also asked about all the stuff outside covered with tarps and tires by the brook. Mrs. Aubuchon stated the tires were for a retention wall. Marlene Colvin stated that this is now a Code Enforcement issue. Bruce Engert, CEO, will contact them and set up a site visit. Kevin Calloway asked what about all the rest of the stuff? Mrs. Reis stated that there is a nuisance law and do the Aubuchon’s get an additional 180 days for the other stuff? Bruce Engert, CEO, will take care of this. There was a lot of arguing between the Aubuchons and some of the abutters.

Jane Hubert called for new business. There was none.

Jim Lothridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Dan Taggart 2nd. It was a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Debbie MacInnes, Planning Board Secretary Date

Marlene Colvin

Terry Shepherd

Jim Lothridge

Dan Taggart

Jason Daugherty

Andrea Sparrow

Jane Hubert