

Town of Pompey

ECC Minutes Nov. 2, 2023

Live and Virtual

7:04 PM

ATTENDEES: Kathy Bertuch, Adam Scalisi, Pam O'Malley, Paulie Drexler, Stan Gorman, Craig Dennis

- Kathy:
  - Required trainings will be addressed when Phil (Chairperson) is present.
  - Energy Webinar advertised by Cortland County
  - All Planning Board applications will now come to the ECC for review
- Discussion of American Tower Application:
  - What is the Storm Water Management plan? (SWIPP)
  - Is there a Fuel Tank permit for the diesel generator (like farm/ag tanks code) (Phil's notes)
  - What is the operation and maintenance plan?
  - Can we use the application progress/approval as leverage to have the tower owner become current on back taxes? (Adam)
  - Planning Board has communicated they will require back taxes to be made current before any potential approval of the application (Stan)
  - Will the quality of the new proposed utility road allow emergency vehicle access?
  - Noise and fumes from diesel generator on nearby homes (Paulie)
- Discussion of El Hindi Subdivision
  - No ecological impact from the subdivision
  - Any potential future development of the new parcels will be reviewed by the ECC at assessed at that time
- Discussion of Pivot Solar Round 2 Application
  - Revised solar farm proposal meets almost all previous concerns (Martha via email notes)
  - Is there an Operation and Management Plan available? (Kathy)
  - What is the decommission plan/expectations/timeline? (Stan and Craig)
  - Used panels have aftermarket value/life in other settings (Pam)
  - Is the decommission bond enough to return the site back to it's current usable ag status? (Stan)
  - Draft comments need to be back to the Town Board for their meeting on 11/14 (Kathy)
- Discussion of Tier 3 Solar Mapping Project
  - Do we mention 50% maximum structure coverage in mapping criteria? (Pam)
  - #13 on the draft list of characteristics list isn't mappable (Adam & Kathy) and on #12, add the word "structures" after residential buildings
  - Pam will email updated list to Adam to be passed on to ESF GIS Professor

- Discussion of Natural Resource Mapping in the Town
  - County Planning Dept. supplies maps (Kathy)
  - Need to review 2013 Master Plan to find updates for the next administration (Kathy)
  - Create a composite board of representatives from other town of Pompey committees to compile and review relevant mapping topics (
  - Initial suggestions to update: landcover, soils, septic suitability, FEMA floodplains, DEC Wetlands, scenic corridors & viewsheds, cemeteries, highway systems, land use,
  - Initial suggestions for new maps (Not included in previous Master Plan): 1990+ housing, slopes, conservation easements, remediation sites, utility lines, dumps/transfer stations.
  - ECC members tasked with taking a first “sweep” at looking at holes in the last Master Plan
  
- Short Term Rentals
  - No updates have been heard from Legal or Town Board on draft proposal (Adam)
  
- Cell Tower Overlay District
  - Tax Assessments by the Town have been updated (Stan)
  - Any new Tower applications will be required to be current on back taxes before being reviewed by the Planning Board (Stan)
  - Any changes to towers infrastructure must be notified to adjacent parcel owners/residents (Stan)
  
- Seasonal Contests
  - 11 Entries into the pumpkin carving contest, winners will be posted the following week (Adam)
  
- Earth Day
  - Martha met with BR Way (Highway Superintendent) to improve traffic signage/flow on event day
  - Boy Scouts may participate in next Earth Day (Paulie)
  - Need to settle on a date for the Earth Day Event 2024

Meeting adjourned: 8:22

SUBMITTED BY: Adam Scalisi