Town of Canaan

Planning Board Regular Meeting Minutes –**APPROVED**
January 20, 2020

Present: J. Pierre Gontier, Chairman
Chad Lindberg, Deputy
Jens Braun, Planning Board Member
Mark DeSanctis, Planning Board Member
Jeffrey Sotek, Planning Board Member
Marlene Tuczinski, Planning Board Member
David Birch, Planning Board Member

Others Present: Ginny Nightingale, Town Board Liaison

I. Call to Order

Chairman J. Pierre Gontier called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Minutes Review/Approval

The minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion made by J. Pierre Gontier and 2nd by David Birch. The vote carried, as follows:

J. Pierre Gontier, Chairman	Aye
Chad Lindberg, Deputy	Aye
David Birch	Aye
Jens Braun	Aye
Mark DeSanctis	Aye
Jeffrey Sotek	Aye
Marlene Tuczinski	Aye

III. Other Business:

- Chairman Gontier asked Chad Lindberg if he would like to continue as Deputy Chairman for 2020. Chad agreed to continue in this role; the Chair reappointed Chad Lindberg as Deputy Chairman.
- Chairman Gontier then reported on his meeting with the Town Supervisor as very positive and feels that they are in agreement on current issues before the Town.
- Chairman Gontier reported that he is again working on writing the report regarding the 5G Network for Canaan. He expects to have it ready to submit within a month to submit to the Town Attorney.
- Discussion was held on the abilities of the ZBA to grant variances under the Spectrum Order on the 5G networks.

- Chairman Gontier spoke on the policies for review of applications, procedures and decision making. Also mentioned was the importance of consistency in decision making policies.

- Chairman Gontier reviewed the Attendance Policy for the members of the Planning Board. (See attached copy)

- Deputy Chairman Lindberg also mentioned that the Board did not seem to be receiving copies of Building Inspector reports, Chairman Gontier said that he would look into why the Planning Board was no longer receiving a copy.

- Jeffrey Sotek brought up the question of the future of BFC, was it going to be sold. Chairman Gontier stated that at this time that does not seem to be happening. The CEO of BFC has spoken at the recent Town Board Meeting and explained a plan they have to house Unaccompanied Alien Children UAC). See attached sheet. Also, part of the discussion was possibility of what might happen regarding Queechy Lake.

- Chairman Gontier explained some of the processes regarding the ZBA and the Planning Board.

- David Birch made a motion to close the meeting, the motion was 2nd by Chairman Gontier. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jahn

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Planning Board Clerk