

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD PLANNING BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2007

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson, Kathy Snyder at 7:00 PM for the purpose of hearing public comment on case #67, William and Colleen Lawler's application to change the use of a large storage building located on NYS Rt. 12F from residential to commercial. Mr. Lawler explained that he would like to rent the building for commercial storage and office space. No Public comments were made and this hearing was declared closed.

Immediately following the public hearing, the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hounsfield Planning Board was called to order by Chairperson Kathy Snyder and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present were: Kathy Snyder, Ed Rohr, Deb Johnston, Mark Farrington, Tina Jones and alternate, Don DiMonda.

The minutes of 11/6/07 were read and a motion was made by Tina Jones and 2nd by Deb Johnston to accept the minutes with a correction of Case #68 to #67. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Attorney Robert Burgdorf, of Nixon Peabody, was present to represent Upstate NY Power Corp., case # 70, and give the Board a preliminary presentation of the proposed wind farm project at Galloo Island. He also answered questions from the Board and the public.

Attorney Dennis Whelpley was present, representing the Town, and explained the in depth Environmental Review that will be done. He also answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Kathy Snyder and 2nd by Deb Johnston for a resolution to declare the intention of the Town of Hounsfield Planning Board to be the "Lead Agency" under SEQRA for the environmental review of the site plan application of Upstate NY Power Corp, Hounsfield Wind Farm, case # 70. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted yes. This motion was carried.

A letter will go out tomorrow to all involved agencies pursuant to case # 70 informing them of SEQRA Lead Agency Coordination and a Draft Scoping Document will be sent for the Planning Board, the Town Board, Legal, Engineering and Zoning Officer to review for next month's meeting.

A monthly report was given by Marlene Lennox, Zoning Officer. She reported that the Family Dollar Store, case # 68, has put their project on hold and therefore did not want a public hearing this month.

Mrs. Snyder received notification from the County that a simple land division for Barbara Willis, case # 69, has been filed. Mrs. Snyder reviewed and signed these maps between meetings.

Mrs. Snyder informed Mr. and Mrs. Lawler that they will be notified within 45 days of the Board's decision on their project.

The Board held annual election of officers for 2008. Kathy Snyder was elected Chairperson and Deb Johnston was elected Vice Chairperson. They both accepted the positions.

The floor was opened for comments and Sharry Rogers was present and asked if another work session on the Zoning Law changes has been scheduled and Mrs. Snyder replied that she is waiting for a response from the Town Board. Mrs. Snyder also said she would like to see a Comprehensive Plan for the Town.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

