

**TOWN OF KENDALL
PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:	Chair. Andrew Kludt	- present
	Jeff Conte	- present
	Phil D'Agostino	- present
	Patty Pfister	- present
	Steven Catone	- present

Also present: Town Board Liaison Newell, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Strong and Recording Secretary Bakutis.

Chairman Kludt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Kludt informed the board that member John Hughes is resigning due to time restraints and he has also moved out of town. He will be missed and we wish him well. John will be submitting an official resignation to the town board. Alternate member Steve Catone will fill his position.

DISCUSSION: (Troutburg)

Discussion took place with board members and Jack Howitt CEO, Midlakes Development and Construction, Division of Midland Management and Mark Overall, Commercial Project Manager/Community Outreach & Inclusion Coordinator, Buffalo Solar Solutions, Inc. They came before the board tonight because Mr. Howitt is seeking information on what they must do for the Town of Kendall to allow them to add solar panels to an existing structure and a grass area behind the structure located on the Troutburg property. The existing structure where the panels would be mounted to the roof faces south. There will also be panels mounted on the ground behind the pavilion. The plan is to mount 72 on the roof and 92 on the ground. Size of each panel is alleged to be 3'x5'.

A paragraph from the letter submitted to Supervisor Cammarata from Mr. Howitt dated August 15, 2019 reads "They are requesting review and approval for the modification to the WPDD for the Cottages at Troutburg established under Local Law No. 2 of 2012 to allow for non-wind generated alternative energy systems as permitted accessory use within the district. This requested modification would be consistent with language included in the Town of Kendall's existing zoning code for Waterfront Development Districts and would have no detrimental effects or impacts to the project or surrounding community." (Letter attached)

Mr. Howitt explained to the board the purpose of the panels is to produce renewable energy. They use a good deal of it out at Troughtburg and they have the opportunity there to reproduce up to 100 percent or maybe slightly even higher that they utilize in their business. Buffalo Solar provided them an estimated 35 years of service, 25 of them are guaranteed a steady rate of electric production and declining in the next 5 to 10-year period. Mr. Howitt says it produces large carbon offset which becomes affordable for them because the encouragement that the State of New York and Federal Government is giving to renewable energy. There are several grants available that he is hoping to take advantage of along with tax credits. He also feels although it requires a very substantial initial investment from them, he believes the investment will be returned in only several years under the savings from the electric they would be selling back to the electric company. Mr. Howitt told the board there is no wish to sell anything other than the electric and offset the electric that they use. The solar panels will be out of sight from the existing 22 cottages and 700 feet from the closet neighboring property.

Chairman Kludt will speak to the town attorney Andrew Meier to see what he says regarding the law and how it reads regarding solar and the WPDD, if Mr. Howitt wants to try to seek a variance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting submitted by Recording Secretary Bakutis were reviewed. Patty Pfister moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Phil D'Agostino. All in favor.

Minutes from the February 26, 2019 meeting submitted by Recording Secretary Bakutis were reviewed. Jeff Conte moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Phil D'Agostino. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeff Conte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil D'Agostino. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Tammy Bakutis
Recording Secretary