



# The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

## TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES January 20, 2021

**Call to Order** 6:30 PM  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Town Board Meeting:**

### Members of Town Board

Present

Absent

Supervisor J. Conway  
Councilor T. Tierney  
Councilor H. Kennedy  
Councilor R. Matters  
Councilor B. Fritz

Summary of Town Board Public Hearing are in Minutes below. Please see following link for full meeting content: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5l61AIqLyQ>

### Communications/Announcements/Reports

Supervisor Conway – Noted we previously heard a presentation from the group who wants to do this. Mentioned this was a continuation of the Public Hearing so the Town Board could wait for the Planning Board to make a recommendation. He then read the below resolution that was passed by the Planning Board.

**Open Public Privilege:** NOTE – Each speaker may choose to state name and address prior to addressing the Board and shall be granted the floor for up to five minutes. The Board thanks everyone in attendance for their understanding and also for their desire to actively participate in the decision making process. All speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. Personal attacks will not be tolerated.

### Resolution by Planning Board:

## B-2 ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

# **REFERRAL TO TOWN BOARD**

## **January 13, 2021**

### **MOTION OF RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN BOARD:**

MOTION: A motion was made by Chairman Mastin as follows: **"In accordance with Section 4.4.1.B of the Town's Comprehensive Zoning Law the Planning Board hereby favorably recommends adoption of a Town Board proposal AMENDING SECTION 2.7.3(B) OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING LAW, TO PROVIDE THAT RELIGIOUS FACILITIES BE A PERMITTED USE WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-2).**

In making this recommendation the Planning Board has reviewed, among other documents, the Town's Comprehensive Zoning Law, the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan, and a Memorandum to the Planning Board dated December 3, 2020 from the Town's Director of Planning and Zoning Adam Yagelski, which recommends a favorable adoption of the proposed amendment. The Board hereby attaches Mr. Yagelski's memorandum for reference and agrees with the opinions contained therein.

In making this recommendation the Planning Board finds that such change does not conflict with the general purposes goals, and intent of this Local Law; and

Such change is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan." The Planning Board does add the following condition:

The Planning Board recommends that the Town Board take into account any applicable Federal, State or Local laws requiring the distances of certain establishments to religious facilities and the impact that they may have on future development.

Seconded by Chris Horne & roll called as follows:

M. Mastin-YES; R. Viola-YES; K. Bergmann-YES; C. Horne-YES; D. Panton-YES; J. Conway-YES.

**MOTION CARRIED BY A 6-0 VOTE**

Supervisor Conway – Pointed out John Conway in his first Planning Board Meeting did some research and found out if you build a church you cannot put an adult entertainment business within 500 feet. Thoughts are that Adult World would be grandfathered in. Mentioned if we do pass this, we have to be aware that later on there may be some restrictions.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 6:38 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway  
Councilor H. Kennedy  
Councilor T. Tierney  
Councilor R. Matters  
Councilor B. Fritz

VOTED: YES  
VOTED: YES  
VOTED: YES  
VOTED: YES  
VOTED: YES

Respectfully,

Ellen Pangburn  
East Greenbush Town Clerk

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