

TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH PLANNING BOARD

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MEMORANDUM

EAST GREENBUSH PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2019

Members:

Matt Mastin, Chairman
Ralph Viola
Don Panton
Kurt Bergmann

Also Present:

Adam Yagelski, Director, Planning/Zoning
Joseph Slater, Planning Board Attorney
Alison Lovely, Planning & Zoning Secretary

CALL TO ORDER / DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Mastin called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum of four (4) members were present. Nancy Kupiec, Chris Horne & Jim Moore were absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Present Calendar for meetings in 2020 for review for possible approval at the January 8, 2020 meeting. Just passed the calendar out to the members

WORKSHOPS:

NONE

OTHER ITEMS:

Albany Electric Trail- Presentation on Trail Project Update by Andy Beers, from the Hudson River Valley Greenway & Chris Cornwell from GPI who are doing all the engineering design work on the project which is a 36 mile trail. Andy Beers stated that a full environmental impact statement was done. GPI is also doing the construction management & inspection on the trail. Andy Beers stated that he is the director of the Empire State Trail is a 750 mile trail that goes from NYC to the Capital District and also extends north to Whitehall and west to Buffalo. Andy Beers is the lead on the Albany Electric Trail. The trail in this area extends from Rensselaer to Hudson which will have a 12' wide asphalt path. Carver Construction is building all the sections in Rensselaer County.

•Ralph Viola asked why the speed limit isn't down for a school zone in front of the Genet Elementary School on Route 4. Andy Beers stated he doesn't know but can check with NYSDOT.

•Ralph Viola stated in regards to Tamarack Lane, why they opted to stay on the road instead of off. Andy Beers stated that there are drainage structures where the old rail bed was, so there is no way to make it usable for the trail, that's why they are staying on Tamarack Lane.

•Adam asked about the signage, the striping etc. on Town Roads, and whose responsibility it is to maintain. Andy Beers stated that it's the Towns.

•Ralph Viola also asked if there will be any emergency call boxes along the route. Andy Beers stated there won't be, there is excellent cell coverage along the route.

•Ralph Viola asked what their take was on the increase use of motorcycles, ATV's & snowmobiles. Andy Beers stated it's a complicated question. They are looking to displace those uses.

Chairman Mastin asked where there is parking for this trail. Andy Beers stated that there are 9 designated Trailheads with two locally One at Riverside Avenue in Rensselaer and the Clinton Avenue Park & Ride in East Greenbush. Trail will not be completed until the end of 2021.

Adam gave the Board some Planning & Zoning Department updates.

- RFP for the Tempel Lane Construction Services, hope to have a consultant by February.
- There will be a linkage study for Route 4.
- Pump stations on 3rd Avenue are being looked at.
- Comprehensive Plan-Looking at future land use at their January meeting.
- Lakeshore Drive-looking to make it one way all the way around the lake.

•Ralph Viola asked where Tempel Lane will connect onto Third Avenue. Adam stated at Cedarcrest Drive

Chairman Mastin asked Adam if there have been any interest in the Planner position. Adam stated they have received 19 applications for the Planner position.

REFERRALS-REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

NONE

NEW ZBA REFERRALS:

NONE

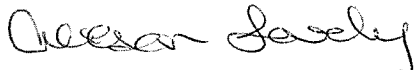
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Chairman Mastin to approve the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes as is.
Seconded by Don Pantan. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was closed by Chairman Mastin.
Seconded by Kurt Burgmann. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Alison Lovely, Planning Secretary