

Town of Geneseo Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2013
7:00 – 7:45 PM

Members Present:

Dwight Folts, Chair
Patti LaVigne
Tom Curtin, Vice Chair
Darcy Young
Hank Latorella
Marcea Clark Tetamore, Esq.

Excused:

David Woods

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled October meeting was called to order in the board room of the Town Offices at 7:02 p.m. by Dwight Folts, Chair.

2. CODE OFFICE REPORT:

Ron Maxwell, CEO, was not present to give a Code Office Report.

Marcea Clark Tetamore, Esq., expressed her disappointment over the fence that has been erected here at the County building for the Day Care Center. The nice side faces inside rather than out. Although it is county property and they are probably exempt from the Village's fence regulation, M. Clark Tetamore suggested that the Town Planning Board send a letter about the fence.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Chair Folts asked the Board to review the September 9, 2013 meeting minutes.

Darcy Young made the MOTION to approve the September 9, 2013 minutes as presented.

Marcea Clark Tetamore SECONDED the Motion.

All in favor: Patti LaVigne, Tom Curtin, Darcy Young, Marcea Clark Tetamore, and Hank Latorella.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: Dwight Folts (absent from that meeting)

MOTION PASSED.

4. VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

David Woods was not present to give a report as his mother had died and he is out of town.

5. FENCES AND ZONING:

Planning Board members then worked on wording for the attached fence law draft.

Chair Folts updated board members on the Zoning Code Revision Project. The committee has held meetings and John Steinmetz is going to begin writing the code. David Woods will then review it, followed by Dwight Folts; it will then go to the Planning Board.

6. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, Chair Folts called for adjournment.

Tom Curtin made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Marcea Clark Tetamore SECONDED the motion.

All in favor: Tom Curtin, Marcea Clark Tetamore, Dwight Folts, Patti LaVigne, Darcy Young, and Hank Latorella.

Opposed: None.

MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Bennett
Town Clerk

Typed by:

Diane McMullan, Secretary
Planning Board
Town of Geneseo

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Fences, walls and other structural screening elements.

- A. A building permit is required in the Lakeshore ("L") District prior to installation of a fence unless the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law prohibits local regulation of fences on properties directly engaged in normal agricultural activities in furtherance of active farming operations.
- B. Any fence shall have its most pleasant or decorative side facing the adjacent properties. The fence posts and other supporting structures of the fence shall face the interior of the area to be fenced.
- C. The height of all fences shall be measured from the average finished grade of the lot at the base of the fence. The height of the fence is not to exceed six feet.
- D. Fences six feet or lower in height are exempt from the setback requirements. Fences with a height in excess of six feet are permitted only in commercial and industrial districts and must be set back from the property line. In no case shall the height of a fence exceed its setback from an adjacent lot. The setback should be an additional one foot for every foot in height exceeding the six foot standard. The maximum fence height is twelve feet.
- E. Fences incorporating barbed wire, electric current or similar materials or devices shall be allowed only when necessary for agricultural or public utility operations and, unless part of an agricultural operation, shall be subject to a minimum ten-foot setback.
- F. The Planning Board, as part of site plan review, may require a fence or other screen to shield adjacent residences or other uses from undesirable views, noise or light.
- G. Fences shall be maintained to provide functional, visual and structural

integrity.

- H. Fences designed to maim or injure prospective intruders are prohibited except as authorized in Subsection E above.
- I. No fences shall be erected in such a manner as to interfere with the visibility of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- J. Special Fencing requirements for the Lakeshore (“L”) District:
 - 1. No fence erected on a lakeshore parcel shall unduly impair views to the lake from adjacent and other area side lots. Maximum fence height is 3 feet 6 inches (3’ 6”).
 - 2. No fence shall be constructed beyond the 15’ rear setback line specified for the Lakeshore (“L”) District. Setback to be measured from lake elevation of 819 feet.
 - 3. These restrictions under the requirements for the “L” District apply to hedges and other landscaped items which are located at property lines and are planted with the intent to act as fences and would restrict the view of the lake from adjacent properties.
 - 4. These restrictions under the requirements for the “L” District pertain to all fences, hedges and other landscaped items that are constructed or planted from the date this law is enacted and forward. Fences, hedges and other landscaped items that were constructed or planted prior to the enactment of this law are exempt.