

**TOWN OF HOWARD PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M**

Planning Board members present: Chairman Gary Rice, Jack Bossard, James Fodge, Paul Harrington, Andrea Barry and Alternate Jason Holevinski. Absent were Wesley Coots and Ronald Dyer. Also present was Clerk Loreen Karr.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Rice at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed by the Planning Board. A motion was made by Paul Harrington and seconded by James Fodge to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Carried: Harrington, aye; Fodge, aye; Barry, aye; Rice, aye; Bossard, aye; Holevinski, aye.

Chairman Gary Rice advised that the Town Board at their December meeting approved the reappointment of Paul Harrington to the Planning Board for a term commencing 1/1/2018 and ending 12/31/2024 and the reappointment of Jason Holevinski as Alternate Planning Board member for a term 1/1/2018 and ending 12/31/2018.

The Howard Volunteer Fire Department has applied for a building permit for a 20 foot addition and may need a variance with regard to the boundary specifications. Fire Chief Rob Patrick will pursue obtaining a letter from bordering neighbor Deb Travis in order to apply for this variance. The Planning Board agreed that this variance could be issued by Chairman Gary Rice and Building Inspector Robert Riekofski if there are no objections.

Everpower has sold their interest in the Howard Wind Farm to another company.

The Planning Board discussed the need for review of the wording in the current Land Use Law with regard to mining and excavation, with possible use of the same wording as far as setbacks as in the Commercial Solar Energy Facilities local law. This would be under Section 4.4 on page 8 (Resource Extraction and Drilling Sites). Discussion followed. Chairman Gary Rice and/or James Fodge will be in contact with someone from the NYS DEC with regard to requiring more restrictive regulations and setbacks.

Under 5.2-5 of the Land Use Law, there is also a correction to cross out a duplicate wording if the Land Use Law is changed

A **RESOLUTION** (#1-2018) was made upon motion of James Fodge and seconded by Jack Bossard to set the regular meetings for the Planning Board for 2018 to be on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Town hall. Adopted: Fodge, aye; Bossard, aye; Rice, aye; Harrington, aye; Barry, aye; Holevinski, aye.

A motion was made by Paul Harrington and seconded by James Fodge to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Harrington, aye; Fodge, aye; Bossard, aye; Rice, aye; Barry, aye; Holevinski, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Loreen Karr, Clerk