

**TOWN OF HOWARD PLANNING BOARD
MARCH 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Rice at 7:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Gary Rice advised that a Resolution was made by the Town Board at their March meeting approving the appointment of Jason Holevinski as Planning Board member for the unexpired term of Ronald Dyer ending 12/31/2019.

Chairman Gary Rice shared that members of the Planning Board attended the NYS Department of State class in Hornell on 3/8/18 entitled Planning and Zoning: an introduction. According to the teacher of this class, the Planning Board members were told that the Town needed to have zoning rather than land use, as land use laws are not defensible. Discussion followed. Chairman Rice will do a follow-up on this with the County Planning Department.

Attorney Chauncey Watches of Canisteo has been appointed by the Town Board as Attorney for the Town.

A copy of the NYSEDA information was shared with the Planning Board, advising that projections are for 50% renewable energy by 2030 including wind and solar power.

Chairman Gary Rice advised that he did contact Dolomite and talked with the person who does the permitting for them by phone. He could not attend our meeting, but said particular questions could be sent through e-mail. He advised that the NYSDEC regulates the setbacks.

James Fodge suggested that the Planning Board have someone from the NYSDEC that does mining permits come to the next meeting to discuss setbacks and regulations. Chairman Rice will contact the DEC and also talk with Jeff Parker at Soil and Water as to his input.

Clerk Loreen Karr shared an e-mail from Mary Binder of the DEC to Town Supervisor Donald Evia with regard to grants available for towns to update their Flood Damage Prevention law. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Paul Harrington and seconded by Wesley Coots to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Harrington, aye; Coots, aye; Fodge, aye; Holevinski, aye; Barry, aye; Rice, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Loreen Karr, Clerk