

TOWN OF HOWARD PLANNING BOARD

September 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Planning Board members present: Chairman Gary Rice, Jason Holevinski, James Fodge, Paul Harrington, Wesley Coots, Andrea Barry and Jack Bossard.

Guest attending: Richard Stewart and Chad Robbins

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary rice at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Fodge and seconded by Paul Harrington to approve the minutes. Carried: Harrington, Aye; Fodge, aye; Rice, aye; Holevinski, aye; Bossard, aye; Coots, aye; and Barry, aye.

New York State has a program to supply High speed Broadband to rural communities. It's called "Broadband for All" and is to be completed by the end of 2018. It's only available to a small portion of the town now. Chad Robbins spoke about how he was finally able to get connected to high speed broadband cable. It took 2 years of making many phone calls and some pressure to get it done. The planning board feels that having high speed broadband available for all in the town would be beneficial. Chads experience realized that not having a connection may lowered the value of a home. The board will be looking into ways that we can get this program expanded to other areas of the town.

The Planning Board revisited paragraph, **4.4 Resource Extraction of the Land Use Law** after it was approved by the Town Lawyer. Gary has given a copy to the Town Board and they are reviewing it and will get back to us next month.

There was a subdivision application reviewed and recommendations agreed to.

A motion was made by Jack Bossard and seconded by Jim Fodge to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Fodge, aye; Harrinton, aye; Rice, aye; Holevinski, aye; Barry, aye; Bossard, aye; and Coots, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00pm.