

**Village of Freeville  
Planning Board Minutes  
March 21, 2017**

Present: Planning board Chair Diane Eaton, Planning Board Members Jim Krebs, Tom Cavatio, Ron Symanski, Brandon James, Mayor David Fogel, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Fritz, Clerk Edania Hernandez

Diane called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm

Planning board approved of minutes from February 2017 meeting after adding the findings to the Sketch Plan Review.

Two important items on the agenda:

1. Weaver Wind Energy
2. Emergency moratorium to temporary stop the building of any wind turbine in the village

Brandon James was sworn into his seat as Planning Board member.

Rick explained to the Planning Board his role. The Planning Board is a strong group in the community. The board is the boss of the code enforcer, and tells the officer what to do. He states that we should have respect for the residents. He said, people, Weaver Wind do not want to hear no and then go to the planning board. Sketch plan review. Rick seen the site plan review application but there was no supporting document attached, which makes it an incomplete application. A full application must be given to the code officer so that he could present it to the Planning Board. The Planning Board views it within ten days, the 45-day review begins when the code officer signs off on it and the applicant has a meeting with the Planning Board. The code officer did not sign the application that Weaver Wind completed, so the process has not begun. Until then it is a Sketch plan review. The applicant has every right to come in and speak to the Planning Board. The reason the applicant received no for an answer, was that there is nothing in the local ordinance.

Rick commented that there are no codes for a wind turbine. If there is none stated in the Land Use Code and Development, one must be created, the turbines section 102.3 in the NYS codes states that it is up to the local municipality to have in their zoning. The applicant is not denied. There are no codes in zoning to support. The applicant is presented with the opportunity by saying we don't have that in our land use code, the Planning Board needs to create a moratorium to build a law, and create an ordinance. Until then the application cannot be accepted.

Placing a moratorium on commercial use means we will have commercial use in our zoning. With no code and approval to place a wind tower follows through and something happens like a blade was to fly off, hits a resident it will come back to the planning board.

Diane said the Planning Board has a right to place an emergency moratorium, especially one that has to do with wind turbines without jeopardizing Weaver Wind Energy. They have not invested all the monies into all the studies and architectural drawings yet.

Weaver Wind Energy has provided the Planning Board with a Sketch Plan review. They will be reimbursed the fee for a site plan review.

Diane requested to set a sketch plan date section to the site plan review application.

Suzanne McMannis did fill out a SEQR the time they went out to visit the wind mill on Bostick Road.

Diane spoke to Weaver Wind Energy about the things that Rick has asked for so that they could make a valid decision. After the discussion was done Diane presented her property. That it cost monies to be placed away from the walking land. Why she has not considered the GJR? There are students up there that may be interested in the technology involved with the tower. They may be able to be eligible for educational grant. Suzanne McMannis was going to call GJR.

Planning Board created a moratorium to present to the Board of Trustees at the April 4, 2017 meeting.

Planning Board has two items on their agenda: The Land Use Code and the Multi-Unit Residential Development Moratorium.

Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edania Hernandez