

# Zoning Commission

Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2018

Present: Linda Tikofsky, Kara Cusolito, Paul Bursic, Larry Janes, David LaMoreaux, Martin Conwell,  
Lori Welliver, Peggy Scott

Absent: Charlie Stevenson, Mike Bergen

Public Present: Carl Langenfeld, Lisa Dean, Mel Dean

- 1) **Call to Order:** 6:00pm by P.Bursic
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** meeting minutes from 9/10/18 were approved. Motion by L. Jaynes seconded by D.Lamoreaux Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 2
- 3) **5-Minutes Public Comment Period:** C.Langenfeld stated that the dot activity at the public meeting(s) do not provide an opportunity for the public to give their opinion on the importance (weak or strong) on zoning in general. He wondered if the recent tiny house development (La Bourgade) on Rte 414 & Symes Rd encouraged the Town to look into zoning. He questions the interpretation and enforcement of the water district's law that a property must be within 500 feet of the Town's water supply in order to be able to hook up to it.
- 4) **Public Meeting site update:** L.Welliver confirmed that we are all set for the Hector Fire Hall meeting on 9/27/18 and the meeting information is posted on the Fire Hall's lighted road sign.
- 5) **STC's Revised Slides, Review, Takeaways:** The general conversation amongst the Zoning Commission was that it is important for STC to present their slide show in a clearer and more complete manner. Public questions, comments and ongoing side conversations during the slide show presentation hindered STC's efforts. Zoning Commission feels a better approach would be to have STC hold off public questions till after their presentation. Areas that could be improved include: controlling the crowd conversations and comments so that STC's presentation can be properly presented and heard by all, be more organized and descriptive on the dot and map/highlight activity as well as the transition from the Q&A period to these activities.
- 6) **New business, miscellaneous items:** Alvin White (Town Supervisor) has requested that the Zoning Commission provide a budget for the upcoming 2019 year. Anticipated advertising and print costs will be compiled within the next several days and forwarded to Alvin.

L.Jaynes stated his concern over how much control Schuyler County has on The Town of Hector's land developments - either with or without zoning. He pointed out the recent tiny house development (La Bourgade) on Rte 414 & Symes Rd. as an example.

- 7) **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment Period:** L.Dean suggested that STC could be more welcoming by encouraging people to have a seat prior to the start of the public meetings. She felt the Searsburg Q&A period was discouraged and suggests the upcoming zoning proposals be made available to the public in print form. She mentioned that she will see to it that the Town of Hector's zoning information will be mentioned at the upcoming Community Club meeting in Reynoldsville.

C.Langenfeld stated: Schuyler County Department of Health is responsible for approving septic systems in the Town of Hector, Town of Hector attempted to implement zoning 30 years ago, he dosen't recall having the map/highlight activity explained to him and feels the word "development" is too vague, 50% of the Town does not know that the Zoning Commission exists and it's important to continue to get the word out.

- 8) **Adjourn:** motion by P.Scott, seconded by L.Welliver at 7:27pm  
Yeas: 8    Nays: 0