

**Hampton Planning Board
2629 State Route 22A
PO Box 125
Hampton, NY 12837**

Meeting Minutes for 18 January 2017

Chairman Joe Hatfield called the regular meeting of the Hampton Planning Board to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: Joe Hatfield, Steve Fernet, and Dianne Sofia

Absent: Bonnie Hawley (out of town), Ed Connolly (hospital), and Sue Perry (hospital)

Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- The minutes for the 9 November 2016 meeting were read. Because Bonnie had already approved the November minutes, we had a voice vote and approved them.
- There was no Planning Board meeting on 14 December 2017 as two of the three members were ill, leaving only one other Board member available....thus, no quorum.

Communications:

- **None**

Reports of Committees:

- **None**

Old Business:

- Joe brought Steve up to date on what we have discussed so far. Steve told of his experiences with solar energy. We discussed the fact that we have no zoning.
- We discussed the Planning Board By-Laws requirement for Planning Board members to attend four hours of planning training each year.
- We also discussed the solar energy leases as being unfair to the property holder in many cases.
- We discussed enforcement of agreements with solar energy companies siting an array in Hampton. Joe commented that if there is an actual ordinance, i.e. P. 8 of the proposed solar energy ordinance, Hampton could assess a fine. Steve commented that strong language in an ordinance means something (i.e., a fine of \$250 being an insignificant punishment as opposed to a fine of \$5,000).
- We discussed visiting sites to ensure they are in compliance during the construction phase.

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New Business:

- Steve Fernet participated in this meeting, his first as a Planning Board Member. Joe brought him up to date regarding the solar energy ordinance we are working on.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Dianne, SECONDED by Steve. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

The next meeting of the Hampton Planning Board will be Wednesday, 8 February 2017, at 7:00 PM at the Hampton Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Sofia
Planning Board Secretary