

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

August 14, 2019

Plan Commission Members	
Dan Forbes, Chair	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair	Sarajane Snyder
Tom Grygo, Secretary	

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:25 PM on August 14, 2019 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to accept the minutes of July 10, 2019, as amended (Information from Commission Members; change Plan Commission to Town Board, and grading to brushing) second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

Short-term rental fees

Forbes said there is one STR in the town located at 10210 Range Line Road.

Discussion regarding Town of Rome STR Fee and other Town of Saratoga fees.

Bruce Dimick commented about having an adequate septic system for rental properties.

Wipperfurth said the size and permitting of the septic system, and occupancy of a residence depends on the number of bedrooms.

Motion by Wipperfurth to set the annual STR fee consistent with the Town of Rome at \$275, and recommend send to Town Board for approval, second by Barth, motion approved (5-0).

Conditional Use

Review and change conditional use for each district as appropriate. A draft copy of the proposed changes will be sent to each member for review prior to the September PC meeting.

Solar energy

Snyder said she has been talking to younger people in the area about a solar farm and found that those she has contacted are 100% in favor of a solar farm in the town.

Forbes handed out a summary sheet regarding a conversation, a citizens group participated in, on August 1, 2019 with Paul Kent regarding a solar farm. The topics of the conversation was a solar ordinance or development agreement.

Bill Leichtnam said he was concerned about setback requirements. Bruce Dimick commented about weed control and the use of chemicals. A discussion followed regarding the authority of a town to regulate solar energy, any possible tax advantages to a town with a solar farm, and possibly developing an ordinance regulating solar development in the town.

Motion by Snyder to have the town contact Paul Kent and request a solar ordinance template for review by the Plan Commission, second by Barth, motion approved (5-0).

Information from commission members

Wipperfurth presented 13 design options for a town flag. There was a discussion about having public input in the decision, and also presenting the options to the Town Board.

Forbes said he received a letter regarding a change in a town ordinance to allow campers (recreation vehicle) to stay in the town five to six months rather than the 90 days currently allowed. Discussion followed

Public comment

Sue Savage said she is in favor of solar energy on individual residences and opposes a solar farm.

The next meeting is September 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by Snyder, meeting adjourned 8:38 PM