

**TOWN OF SMITHVILLE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

Call to Order: Chair Shane Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board Members Present: Chair Shane Butler, Bob Brooks, Dakota Warren, Fred Heisler, Jr., Donna Marie Utter, Clerk.

Others in Attendance: John Cammarata, Supervisor

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion made by Planning Board member Dakota Warren to approve the January 6, 2021 minutes, seconded by Planning Board member Bob Brooks. All members voted aye, motion carried.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Broadband Grant:** Broadband grant awards will be announced on February 15th. A letter was sent to the Governor to correct his statements in the State of the State address that 98% of residents in New York State are covered by broadband. A resolution addressing the need for broadband will be presented to counties at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 19th.

- **New Planning Board Member:** Advertisement for a new Planning Board member was made in the *Evening Sun* as well as on the Town's website. No one has expressed an interest yet.

- **Water System:** A Public Hearing regarding applying for the grant of \$50,000 which will cost the Town \$5,000 will be held on February 15th. In discussions with the company doing the study indicate that they would do all the required paperwork associated with the study.

- Board members discussed the necessary requirements moving forward which would include creating a water district, a water treatment management position with a designated salary. Realistically for the 250 individuals affected, the cost to teach individual would be cost prohibitive. The purpose of proceeding with a study would most likely be for documentation purposes in the event the topic is raised again.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Clean Energy Grant Program:** There is a Clean Energy Communities Program webinar presentation on February 16th. This program awards communities/towns points for every clean energy action taken. The program grant is for \$30,000, but would require the actions totaling 3,000 points to be completed prior to the grant at the town's cost. Some of the clean energy actions have already been taken by the Town. Any ideas on what further actions the grant would be used for?

- Supervisor Cammarata stated that LED lighting in the Town Hall will be completed tomorrow and review of needs and an estimate for improvements at the Town Barn will also be looked at tomorrow.
- Board member Fred Heisler commented that these actions were discussed last year, but were never followed through on.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

- There being no other business to come before the Planning Board, Planning Board member Bob Brooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Planning Board member Fred Heisler, Jr.

Next Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Donna Marie Utter, Planning Board Clerk