

Town of Highland
Planning Board Minutes
March 6, 2019

Chairman Berry Hafkin calls the meeting to order.

Pledge to the Flag

Chairman states the minutes are being recorded.

Attendance: Berry Hafkin-Chairman
Norm Sutherland
Jeffrey Spitz
Julie Sherwood
Doreen Sweeney
Board Secretary: Monica McGill
Town Attorney: Michael Davidoff (absent)

Motion to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes:

Motion: Julie Sherwood Second: Norm Sutherland

All in favor.

Chairman states at the beginning of the meeting to any public members that attended there will be no discussion of the new zoning laws.

Application # 1-2019 NYSEG Site Plan Approval

Josh Silver attorney representing NYSEG informs the planning board that NYSEG is looking to modernize the existing substation located on Airport Rd. Eldred NY. NYSEG wants to install antennas to the existing grid that will then communicate with antennas that are installed on transmission lines throughout the county. The antennas will help monitor the loading of each transmission and can then be controlled remotely. The antennas in return would help to get information back to the central station.

Jeff Spitz: Where are the other closest antennas?

Josh Silver: I am not sure. We are still in the process of installing antennas on the transmission lines all over the city.

Jeff Spitz: Is NYSEG planning on installing any other antennas in the Town of Highland?

Josh Silver: I do not have that information. I am presently working on three applications for NYSEG and this is the only one in Sullivan County. These antennas will aid in the event of a power outage or emergency to pinpoint the outage location and restore power in a timelier manner.

Motion to not have a Public Hearing for Application #1-2019:

Motion: Jeff Spitz Second: Norm Sutherland

All in favor

Motion to make Town of Highland Planning Board lead agency for SECRA:

Motion: Norm Sutherland Second: Jeff Spitz

All in favor

SECRA read by Chairman Berry Hafkin and completed by the board.

Motion for a negative declaration on SECRA:

Motion: Norm Sutherland Second: Julie Sherwood

All in favor

Jules Robinson Town of Highland resident wanted to discuss the new zoning laws. Chairman Berry Hafkin directed Mr. Robinson that all questions concerning the new zoning laws had to be addressed with the Town of Highland Town Board directly.

Chris Tumbini attended the meeting to introduce himself as a new alternate member for the Town of Highland Planning Board.

Motion to close the meeting:

Motion: Jeff Spitz Second: Doreen Sweeney

All in favor