

Town of Highland
Planning Board Minutes
May 1, 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 (absent)
Doreen Sweeney
Chris Tambini
Board Secretary: Monica McGill
Town Attorney: Michael Davidoff (absent)

Motion to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes:

Motion: Norm Sutherland Second: Doreen Sweeney
Jeffrey Spitz Abstained (not present at previous meeting)
All in favor.

Berry Hafkin: The Barryville Farmers' Market Inc. has submitted an application for Site Plan Approval only. The board has by-passed regular procedure and entered the application directly into a Public Hearing. The application for a Farmers' Market is permitted under the new town laws and will not be denied. The public hearing this evening is to hear the Town of Highland residents' opinion.

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

Motion: Jeff Spitz Second: Norm Sutherland
All in favor

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

Motion for a negative declaration on SECRA:

Motion: Jeff Spitz Second: Norm Sutherland
All in favor

Motion to open the Public Hearing for Application #2-2019 Barryville Farmers' Market Inc. for Site Plan Approval:

Motion: Doreen Sweeney Second: Chris Tambini
All in favor

Board Secretary reads Public Notice

Mailings to surrounding residents: (30) mailed (24) returned

Board member Jeff Spitz reads all letters of correspondence received from:

The Assembly State of NY Aileen Gunther, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce, The Senate State of NY Jen Metzger, Sally Rowe & Anthony Biancoviso, Janet Poppendieck, Pastor Mark Walsh, ECCE Bed & Breakfast, Lou & Rachel Moreno, Dorene Warner, Amber Tamblyn, and David Cross.

John Pizzolato 3380 Route 97 Barryville NY, President Barryville Farmers' Market Inc.:

As you look at the maps it will show you the layout of the market. One of the issues that needed to be addressed was parking. The Barryville United Methodist Church will provide (26) twenty-six parking spots, and the adjacent lot owned by John & Debra Conway will provide the bulk of the vendor area. There are two anchor vendors that would block off the pass through the Conway's property to allow them to keep their privacy. We have added an Administration Table that will supply information to all patrons/customers. The bathrooms will be tucked away behind the shed on the property. We also have a smaller vendor lot geared for community involvement and to promote the thrift shop located at the church. The front lot of the church grounds will be dedicated for vendors with coffee and prepared foods.

We have spoken to Rassmussen Funeral Home, and they have offered parking for all the vendors and additional parking for patrons. Total number of spaces is (40) forty.

We will be posting parking signs and have interns from Sullivan Renaissance that will help in the direction of traffic. No signs will be in areas that will cause hazards to Route 97. The interns will also aid in making sure that no one parks on River Road.

Jeff Spitz: So, there will be no parking on River Road?

John Pizzolato: Yes, we are looking to keep the parking contained to the church lot and other designated parking areas.

Jeff Spitz: So, the interns will be responsible in preventing parking on River Road?

John Pizzolato: Yes

Berry Hafkin: Will there be signs:

John Pizzolato: Yes, the map shows all the signs and their placement. The interns will be in traffic vests and will aid in showing patrons the signs and parking locations.

Berry Hafkin: That would be something you would work out with the Town Constables?

John Pizzolato: Yes, we have already spoken with them and they will have a patrolman in the area, and we also have signs stating "slow down" coming from the DOT.

Jeff Spitz: How tall are the signs? I know that the previous signs obstructed the drivers view.

Dorene Warner: The signs are a collapsible A-frame that are 24" X 36". These are smaller than the previous signs and will not obstruct the drivers view.

Comments from the Public:

Kelly Ryan owner of Sunshine Studios, River Road, Barryville NY:

I can offer additional parking if needed, and I also own property on the corner by the River Market that you can use for a sign.

John Pizzolato: How many parking spaces can you offer?

Kelly Ryan: Half a dozen.

Sharon Spiak: I own the Air B & B in the area and my guests love the Farmers' Market.

Laquita Matthews: When the statement was released the original Farmers' Market was leaving, the community was devastated and sad. The Farmers' Market was a great gathering place for the community, not only for the great food, but for the kids and patrons. I beseech the board to approve this application.

Motion to close the Public Hearing:

Motion: Jeff Spitz

Second: Doreen Sweeney

All in favor

Berry Hafkin: Before we vote on the application, at the last minute our Town Attorney requested that a Form 239 be sent to the county for approval. We do not have an answer back from the county to date, so we as a board will vote on the application pending the response of Form 239.

Motion to approve Application 2-2019 Barryville Farmers' Market Inc., Site Plan Approval pending response of Form 239 from the county:

Motion: Norm Sutherland

Second: Chris Tambini

All in favor

Motion to close the meeting:

Motion: Jeff Spitz

Second: Doreen Sweeney

All in favor