

TOWN OF CLARKSON
PLANNING BOARD – MINUTES

February 16, 2010

Board Members

Don Osborne – Chairman
John Jackson
Scott Hanko
Dave Virgilio *
Tom Schrage

Support Board Members

Richard Olson, Town Attorney
John Paul Schepp, Town Engineer
Chad Fabry, Bldg. Inspector/Code Enforcement
Ursula Liotta, Building Department Coordinator
*excused

CALL TO ORDER

D. Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance, and reviewed the agenda.

OPEN FORUM

1. Lee Hicks, 7980 Ridge Road (3.7 a), Tax Acct. #054.04-1-9, Zoned: HC

L. Hicks introduced himself and stated that he wishes to build a go-kart track behind his service station property; that he has been told that there was once a dirt track on the adjoining parcel. He showed the board an aerial photograph of his property and pointed out where the track would be situated; that the track would be a road course for pleasure purposes; that the track would use approximately one acre of land.

R. Olson stated that years ago, when the go-kart track was operating, several complaints were received from a nearby neighborhood with regard to the noise, evening lights, dust, etc. although the track was approximately 800' away from the road; that it was not a good experience for the town. L. Hicks stated that the complaints must have been with regard to the use of the baseball fields, i.e. crowd noise and speaker system noise, not the go-kart track.

R. Olson explained to L. Hicks that if he can find a suitable use for his property zoned highway commercial, he may make an application to the Planning Board; that at this time, the only allowable area for a go-kart track would be on property zoned recreation/conservation, i.e. the old airport property, which is now privately owned; that L. Hicks still cannot sell cars at his Ridge Road property unless the Town Board changes the zoning to industrial, and it is not likely that this would happen.

OTHER

1. Review of proposed local law re: Wind Energy Facilities

A copy of the proposed local law was distributed to the board members. R. Olson stated that the Wind Generator Committee was made up of the following people:

Sue Beck, Committee Chair (recently appointed to the Conservation Board)
Pat Didas, Town Board
Don Osborne, Planning Board
Paul Dittman, Zoning Board of Appeals
Scott Tantalò, Conservation Board (recently appointed to ZBA)
Shawn Lessord, resident
Michael Cunningham, resident

The committee met on a regular basis, and worked very hard at arriving at a proposed local law; that they reviewed 3-4 codes that nearby towns have passed to use as guidelines, resulting in the following:

Large 100'-400': wind farms - would require application to the Town Board; then referred to Planning Board for site plan approval
Medium 35'-100': agricultural - would require application to the Planning Board
Small < 35': residential - would require application to the Building Department for a permit

The public hearing will be held on 3/9/10.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES from February 2, 2010

D. Osborne made a motion to approve the minutes; second by J. Jackson; unanimously carried.

NEXT MEETING: March 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Note: T. Schrage will not be present

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Jackson made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; second by S. Hanko; unanimously carried.

Approved 3/2/10

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula M. Liotta
Building Department Coordinator