

TOWN OF SMITHVILLE
*****DRAFT PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER: Board member Kehl called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Planning Board Members Present: Marie Kehl, Joseph Warren, Joseph Brant, Kenneth Whitmore, and Donna Marie Utter, Clerk.

Planning Board Members Absent: Robert Brooks

Others in Attendance:

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion made by Board member Whitmore, seconded by Board member Brant, to approve the March 5, 2025 minutes as presented. All Board members voted "Aye" to approve the motion. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- Board member Kehl received a phone call from someone out of state that owns 10 acres of land by the fire station and is going to be building there. Board member Kehl referred him to Bruce Kinney, Code Enforcement, as due to the number of acres, the Planning Board does not have to approve anything.

- Board member Kehl also spoke to John Cammarata regarding the continued absence of a Planning Board member. The Planning Board has been able to proceed with a quorum at meetings, but wanted the Town Board to be aware.

- Email received from Shane Butler regarding a Design Connect Team from Cortland that will be doing a presentation on April 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. regarding Cook Park and requested to meet with the Planning Board following the presentation. Board members Kehl and Whitmore will plan to meet with them at 12:00-1:00.

- Board member Whitmore was asked if the Planning Board could send an inquiry letter gas stations to see if there is an interest in building a gas station in Smithville. This would be a decision that the Town Board would make and if someone is interested, they should be referred to the Town Board.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Energy Systems Law – A copy of the remaining pages (6-14) of the proposed law was given to Board members for their review and comments. The Board reviewed the entire proposed law making a few changes. The changes will be made and the proposed law forwarded to Alison to be presented to the Town Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. was made by Board member Kehl, seconded by Board member Brant.

Next Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.