

**Orange County Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2019**

**Members Present:** E. McClung, T. Gottlieb, C. Best, J. Wolfe, J. Joy

**Staff:** D. Church, J. Richmond (by conference call), F Budde, K. Schmidt, M. Tennermann, E. Russell

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

A motion was made by J. Wolfe and seconded by T. Gottlieb to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting, approved.

F. Budde prepared the GML 239 Referrals report for the month of April 2019. There were 41 mandatory GML 239 referrals sent to the Department by municipalities throughout the County. A total of 45 dwelling units and 236 thousand square feet of nonresidential development were proposed, as well as 3 solar referrals, 1 telecommunications tower and a DEIS/Site Plan for a 187 room hotel. He attached a map showing the locations of the significant referrals: Town of Cornwall – updating comprehensive plan; Village of Florida – amending zoning to eliminate provision to convert single family dwelling units to 2-family dwelling units; Town of Goshen – Davis Solar LLC resubmission of solar special use permit application; Town of Newburgh – site plan for expansion of warehouse which is located in the City of Newburgh Washington Lake Reservoir watershed; Town of Newburgh – special use permit to construct BJ’s Wholesale on Route 17K and Auto Park Place; City of Port Jervis – Main Street revitalization with site plan for restaurant and 27 room hotel; Village of South Blooming Grove – local law for moratorium on solar related battery storage facilities; Town of Tuxedo – special use permit for telecommunications tower; Town of Wawayanda – site plan for 4 megawatt solar facility, site plan for 15,000 sq. ft. strip mall and 31 lot subdivision. Discussion followed on Dragon Springs complex in the Town of Deerpark. They have been doing construction projects without getting approvals. The Town gave them a stop work order and they are requiring an environmental impact statement. It’s a religious group and off the tax rolls. In 2014, a judge established that all construction completed prior to that time is legal.

J. Richmond spoke about the LRTP. Two public meetings were held on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Newburgh. This plan is currently being updated by OCTC. It is one of the three products the MPO is required to produce. Transportation capital improvements are determined for a 25 year period. LRTP will utilize public outreach information to prioritize funding of future capital improvements. There will be three public meetings. The first was held last week in Newburgh. They received good feedback. There will be some interactive activities included. With all the studies being conducted, there are concerns people are tired of surveys. The next public meeting will be scheduled in Middletown at Thrall Library sometime during the last two weeks of July and the third meeting will be in September presenting the final plan. They would like to geographically spread out these meetings. In between the three formal meetings, there will be some pop-up events – Newburgh Illumination, other street fairs, 5K and 10K races, etc. They want to reach some of the harder to reach people who might not attend a public hearing virtually through the Orange County website.

K. Schmidt distributed an updated points list for Climate Smart Communities recertification. She said our energy audit and greenhouse gas inventory are older than required, but we will include them. The date for submission is July 5 and we should have results by August 16. We are limited to four innovation items under item PE11. We should try to choose the things that will give the most points. There are some grant opportunities available that will help us here. There is a growing list of options that we can discuss at the next meeting. The Task Force will be part of the agenda on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force will consist of one legislator, a representative from County DPW, a representative from Sustainable Warwick, the sustainability coordinator from SUNY Orange, a representative from the public school system, a representative from Hudson Valley Regional Council, Carla Castillo, and Mike Sweeton is here representing Mayors and Supervisors. Other possible members could include representatives from Black Rock Forest Consortium, County Land Trust, Nature Conservancy, Scenic Hudson, watershed associations, municipal environmental review boards. A suggestion was made to ask Brendan Coyne to be a member of the Task Force as the Mayor of Cornwall-on-Hudson, an officer of Moodna Council, and an officer of the Association of Towns. It was suggested to invite Ellie Hart as a CAC representative. Letters will be sent out for the first meeting and the reoccurring schedule will be determined then. The regular Planning Board agenda will be light and the Task Force meeting will be the main item.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2019. Motion was made by T. Gottlieb and seconded by C. Best to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM, approved.