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**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: February 3, 2020**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Bob Scott, John Tracy, Jean Schultz, Ed Garling, John Strobl, David Niemotko, Ben Astorino

**BOARD SUPPORT:** Carrie Scali (*OC Planning*)

**GUESTS:** *Crawford McCloud and Noel Arnold of Town of Hamptonburgh Planning Department*

**MOTIONS:**

**To accept the January meeting summary. Ed Garling motioned, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.**

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The second Board Meeting of 2020 opened with the passing of the January meeting summary. Ed Garling motioned to accept the summary, David Niemotko seconded and it passed unanimously.

Introductions were made as Crawford McCloud and Noel Arnold of the Town of Hamptonburgh Planning Board were present to audit the meeting to see if they would be interested in filling current board vacancies.

The meeting moved on to discuss the by-law revisions to include an alternate member that John Tracy drafted. It was decided to review further at the March meeting to allow all members a chance to review the document thoroughly.

Carrie provided a brief follow up the Spring courses mentioning the locked in dates of 4/17/2020, 6/2/2020, and 6/11/2020 along with the presenters and their topics.

John Strobl mentioned he was contacted by Casey of Clearway Community Solar. This stemmed a conversation on Casey possibly providing a presentation on solar in the future. A further discussion began with the members comparing how each of their municipalities handle solar projects, what happens when the panels need to be decommissioned and how to adjust to the constantly changing technologies. This will definitely be discussed again in the future and may shape up to be a helpful course for attendees.

The meeting continued with the 2020 scholarship. Carrie provided the board with the revised scholarship application for their approval. Additional revisions were suggested and agreed upon. New this year, in addition to the application being sent to guidance counselors in the County, it was requested that municipal clerks also receive it to forward to their boards and nonprofit organizations. David Niemotko made the motion to forward the application out once revisions were made and Jean Schultz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The final item discussed was presented by Ed Garling who brought up the idea of possibly eliminating the fee to attend evening courses. After a discussion, it was decided to keep the cost intact as it provides extra funding to assist in unexpected costs and requests.

David Niemotko then motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:19 PM, Ben Astorino seconded and it passed unanimously.

**Upcoming Events and Important Dates to Remember:**

Monday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Board Meeting
Monday, April 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Board Meeting
Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Full Day Course (O & R Presentation, Watershed Protection-Riverkeeper)
Monday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Board Meeting
Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Chairs Meeting
Monday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> :	Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Evening Course (Case Law-Rick Golden)
Thursday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Evening Course (Hemp/CBD-Maire Ullrich)
Monday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Board Meeting