

## **TOWN OF WATSON - Planning Board - November 6, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Nettie Prusinowski, Dan Root, Nicole Black, Judi Houppert, Jan Cook  
**Guests:** Will Hunt, Mary Misek, Terry Peters, Allen Bender (did not sign in)

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed by Nettie and it was accepted by motion made by Dan, seconded by Nicole. All in favor.

The minutes of the October 2nd meeting were reviewed. Several changes were added to the Bender information. Also, an addition was made to the Tebo information. With these additions, minutes were accepted by motion made by Judi, seconded by Nicole. All in favor. Yays - Nicole, Judi, Nettie, Jan. Nays- Dan.

### **APPLICANTS/PUBLIC HEARING**

**Longo Minor Subdivision** -Nettie received a phone call from Rich Northrup questioning the Longo Minor Subdivision. He felt as though some of his mom's property may have been included in that subdivision. The property in question is along the Erie Canal Road, Town of Watson. He also stated that he did not sign the abutters form. After the board discussed the properties in question, they came to the conclusion that Rich's mom's property was not involved in the minor subdivision and that we as a board need to move forward with revising the abutters form and to ensure each minor subdivision has the public hearing.

It was suggested that Nettie try to call Rich Northrup back again to ensure that he is aware of this information.

### **Tebo letter**

Apparently, her name was spelled incorrectly. Nettie did apologize to her and explained that this was not done intentionally. Her name is spelled Sophia. This will be noted in her file and the forms have been updated and sent to her.

### **Terry Peters**

He stated that Mike Young came to the Planning Board back in 2019 regarding a minor subdivision. This was passed. However, an application was sent back in 2023 with required paperwork and a check for \$50 for an additional minor subdivision which was not approved.

**Now a denial letter needs to be written and it will be documented in December 2024's minutes. However, our Town law will be reviewed to be sure that there is not an allowance for access to the property in question. Nettie will contact Candace Randall to finalize everything.**

### **Bender Letter**

**Michelle, the town clerk, sent a registered letter to Allen J. Bender dated October 2, 2024 from our planning board. After the meeting started Mr. Bender walked in and sat down quietly at our meeting today. He did not sign in nor address the board. Once the board mentioned the Bender letter, as it was on the agenda, Mr. Allen J. Bender then got hostile and asked if we were talking about his property. Mr. Bender was very rude and stated that he was upset and stated: "this Board doesn't know anything. You don't know what you're doing. It's been seven months and you haven't done anything. Why didn't you approve of subdividing my land." Nettie explained that a letter was sent to him and his lawyer detailing why it was not approved at this time. In which Bender then stated: "The wetland guy sent you a letter and told you I am doing nothing wrong. How can you tell me what to do on my own property? This whole board should be fired. You women need to go back to the kitchen where you belong." He then walked out of the building.**

### **Adjournment**

**With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 by motion made by Dan, seconded by Nicole. All in favor. Yays - Judi, Nettie, Dan, Jan, Nicole. Nays-0**