

## **TOWN OF WATSON - Planning Board - April 2, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Nettie Prusinowski, Judi Houppert, Nicole Black (VTC), Daryl Lehman, Dan Root (VTC)

**Guests:** BW Hunt and Mary Misek

**The meeting opened at 6:42 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The agenda was reviewed by Nettie and it was accepted by motion made by Judi, seconded by Dan. All in favor. Yays: Dan, Nettie, Nicole, Judi, Daryl Nays: None**

**The minutes of the March 5th meeting were reviewed. Small minor adjustments were made to the minutes. Minutes were accepted with adjustments by motion made by Dan, seconded by Judi. All in favor. Yays: Dan, Nettie, Nicole Judi and Daryl Nays: None**

### **APPLICANTS/PUBLIC HEARING**

**No new information.**

### **BUSINESS TO DATE:**

**Update for ZAC: Next meeting scheduled for Thursday April 3rd, 2025. On the docket is discussion for regulating the compressed air energy storage system project including whether or not the town should use a Planned Unit Development approach or classify the use as a Special Use Permit.**

**Town Topics: Information was shared about what it is as Daryl is new and was unaware of the magazine.**

### **BW Hunt & Mary Misek Update:**

**BW Hunt and Mary Misek attended a wetland meeting: There are new regulations. These new regulations do not come with maps. Land owner now will complete required forms which will be sent to Albany. Response time is expected to be up to 90 days. Region 6 representatives told Mary that he is willing to come out to an applicant's property and give you feedback on whether you have a wetland on your property. He would make the assessment based on the presence of certain types of plants, soils, and hydrology. He further indicated that instead of making a certain one type fits all setback criteria for wetlands, they can examine the property and give input about your property.**

**BW Hunt and Mary Misek attended a planning board overview training course: Of importance it was noted that members can attend planning meetings virtually but in order to be a quorum, the majority of members must be physically in attendance.**

**Webinars do not count toward 4 hours of state training annual requirements. Any annual training hours over four hours can be carried over.**

**A current or updated physical survey is required when property lines are questioned. GIS maps should not be used as they are not always accurate.**

**If you are recording a meeting you do not have to make it public but you do have to make it available in the office for anyone who requests to review it.**

**Every decision has to be documented thoroughly and accurately!**

**Housing: Nettie was approached and told hospice was looking for property to build a hospice site. Discussion ensued around possible locations (town owned land on River Rd) that might be available in our area for a project including senior affordable housing/hospice facility. Daryl will reach out to Cheyenne Steria to obtain additional information.**

**Adjournment**

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 by motion made by Judi, seconded by Nettie. All in favor. Yays - Judi, Nettie, Dan, Nicole, Daryl. Nays-0**