

# Town of Constantia Planning Board

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## Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2022

### Attendees

Planning Board members in attendance included:

- Chairman James Peck
- Dave Antos
- Sandra Tuori-Bell
- Sandra Williams
  
- Martin Godzwon (arrived at approx. 6:45pm)

Others in attendance included: Frank Tomaino (Town Supervisor), Paul Baxter, Matt Johnson, and Amy Connolly (Secretary).

Members not in attendance included: Dan Poné and Sandra Retajczyk

### Work Session- Comprehensive Plan

Chairman Peck opened the work session meeting at 5:45pm.

### Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Johnson from the Tug Hill Commission stated that the THC will be able to provide updated data for the Comprehensive Plan from the 2020 census.

The group reviewed some updates that were added to the document from Councilman Rip Colesante on Oneida Lake and from Supervisor Tomaino and an individual from Oswego County Soil and Water regarding Forestry.

Group members noted that the document will need to be reviewed for technical terms and acronyms so that readability by laymen can be ensured. It was noted that the Agricultural District map will need to be updated.

Notes added to the document by Sandra Retajczyk were reviewed, including a suggestion for the town to look into pursuing Climate Smart Community certification as Oneida Lake is on the NYSDEC priority water body list and this may open up new funding opportunities. Additional notes were made about maintaining natural vegetation and landforms can be moved to the section regarding Water Resources, per Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Touri-Bell asked if specific wording should be sought out from the DEC to keep language consistent. It was also suggested to contact Oswego County Planning for the same purpose.

Historical Resources- The Oswego County Heritage Foundation will be contacted in order to update the current list of historic sites in town as some may no longer exist or have had significant changes. The question was raised on whether or not the Town wants to work towards historic preservation of buildings.

Mr. Johnson stated that THC would update traffic data. DOT Syracuse can be contacted to get updates regarding traffic flow and any plans for updates to state roads.

Mr. Baxter suggested that updated data be sought out for usage of the canal from the Canal Corporation.

Wayne Woolridge, Highway superintendent, will be contacted by Mr. Tomaino to find out if any updates should be made to the bullet points regarding highways in the existing Comprehensive Plan document.

THC will be using information obtained from Barton & Loguidice to update sewer and water sections. An updated OCWA map is already available and includes greater detail than the existing map.

The group decided to remove the strategy about creating connections between the recreational trail and Route 49 due to the obstacle of privately owned land in between.

The group discussed that changes should not be made to Section III of the plan at this time. Mr. Johnson stated that minor changes such as updates to language and the references to sewer can and should be updated.

The current DEC regulations and designated wetland areas, including maps, will need to be double checked before updating the Wetlands and Natural Heritage sections.

Chairman Peck called for a short recess at 6:54pm.

## **Public Hearing- 676 State Route 49- Glass Ark**

Chairman Peck opened the public hearing at 7:00pm.

Guests who arrived for the public hearing included Jennifer Passage, John Staversky, Vanessa Bright, Jacob Roberts, Marcy Korczakowski, and Michael Korczakowski.

Guests introduced themselves and voiced support for the Glass Ark project moving forward. No other individuals indicated that they wished to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Peck opened the regular Planning Board meeting at 7:15pm.

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous May 24, 2022 meeting was made by Martin Godzwon and seconded by Dave Antos. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Business**

Chairman Peck reminded Planning Board members that if they attended the THC Local Government Conference they must get their certificate of completion to the Town Clerk. He also informed Board members that the NYS Association of Towns has some training coming up that they may find useful. Chairman Peck noted the importance of training in keeping members up to date with current rules and regulations.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Baxter discussed the Local Government Conference plans for next year and stated that the slide decks from this year's presentations should be available on the THC website.

## **Glass Ark**

The applicants were asked if they had received approval from the Health Department. Ms. Korczakowski indicated that they were in contact with the Health Department and that their switch to public water with back flow preventer as well as determining suitability of the existing septic system were underway.

Board members confirmed that all necessary changes had been made in the application materials.

**MOTION** Chairman Peck made a motion to approve the site plan under the condition that the Health Department as well as Code Enforcement inspections needed to be passed. Motion was seconded by Martin Godzwon. Motion passed unanimously.

The Planning Board reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF), a copy will be on file with the Town Clerk.

**MOTION** Chairman Peck made a motion for a negative declaration on impact for this project. Seconded by Sandra Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

## Adjournment

Martin Godzwon moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sandra Williams. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Amy Connolly

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Secretary  
Town of Constantia Planning Board

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Date of Approval