Town of Yates
Regular Planning Board Meeting/Public Hearing
October 3, 2024

Chairman Richard Kurz called the Regular Planning Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town of Yates, 8 S. Main Street, Lyndonville, NY 14098.

Those Present:	Richard Kurz, Chairman of Planning Board Mark Hughes, Planning Board Member Ralph Smith, Planning Board Member Gary Daum, Alt. Planning Board Member Dawn Metty, Deputy Clerk Courtney Plummer Dolores & Donald Whittleton Sandra & Larry Filarowski Jackie Lonnen Jon & Bobbi Houseman Sharon Tackley Bubba Tackley Ashley Casanova Larry Wolfe
Those Absent:	Ed Urbanik, Planning Board Member Joanne Suhr, Planning Board Member

MINUTES:

Chairman Richard Kurz entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the August 29, 2024 Planning Board meeting.

RESOLUTION # 14-10/24

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 29, 2024 PLANNING BOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED TO EACH BOARD MEMBER

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes from the August 29, 2024 Planning Board meeting as presented to each board member.

Offered by: Ralph Smith
Seconded by: Mark Hughes

Votes: 4 Ayes (Smith, Hughes, Daum, Kurz); 0 Nays (2 absent Urbanik, Suhr)

Chairman Richard Kurz entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the September 5, 2024 Planning Board meeting.

RESOLUTION # 15-10/24

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 PLANNING BOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED TO EACH BOARD MEMBER

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes from the September 5, 2024 Planning Board meeting as presented to each board member.

Offered by: Ralph Smith

Seconded by: Mark Hughes

Votes: 4 Ayes (Smith, Hughes, Daum, Kurz); 0 Nays (2 absent Urbanik, Suhr)

Courtney Plummer – Was hoping to use the house for this year, didn't know that it was going to take this long. It's pointless now because it's October and we're almost done.

There was mixed discussion on whether or not to use the church for housing and whether or not it's worth it.

Chairman Richard Kurz explained that the special use permit is for the house only and that the church will be a discussion later down the road.

Gary Daum – The request for a special use permit and site plan review for farm worker housing submitted by Plummer Orchards was sent to the County Planning Board for review. It was approved with conditions and sent back to us. (See Attached)

Chairman Richard Kurz entertained a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing.

Offered by: Ralph Smith
Seconded by: Mark Hughes

Votes: 4 Ayes (Smith, Hughes, Daum, Kurz); 0 Nays (2 absent Urbanik, Suhr)

Bobbi Houseman asked how long the workers will be staying and how many people will be in the house.

Courtney Plummer replied there are only two to three weeks left and only 8 workers, if that. As far as the church goes, what is possible to do with it in order to make it work?

Chairman Richard Kurz replied lets concentrate on the house first.

The board discussed the new local law for farm worker housing that the Yates Town Board passed.

Chairman Richard Kurz asked if anyone else would like to say anything.

Sandra Filarowski – concerned just looking out for the safety of the kids/teenagers and the taxes going up. Not sure how they are, not familiar with farm workers.

Chairman Richard Kurz replied the workers are not here year round and there are guidelines that they need to follow and behave while they are here.

Chairman Richard Kurz – need to have harmony between the farmer and the neighbors.

Bobbi Houseman asked Courtney if the workers are the same ones he always has.

Courtney Plummer – yes, usually have the same ones.

Ashley Casanova – This has nothing to do with the meeting but if it's a possibility to have a 4 way stop at the intersection of Platten Rd. and Yates-Carlton Townline Rd. It is very dangerous there and that people race up and down the road and sometimes people don't stop at the stop sign. However, regarding the workers, we all need a place to live but there is a concern with the amount of workers living there and having daughters of my own is a concern.

There were no other questions/concerns.

Chairman Richard Kurz entertained a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting.

Offered by: Ralph Smith
Seconded by: Mark Hughes

Votes: 4 Ayes (Smith, Hughes, Daum, Kurz); 0 Nays (2 absent Urbanik, Suhr)

Chairman Richard Kurz entertained a motion to approve Plummer Orchards special use permit filed on 8/2/24 for farm worker housing with the Orleans County Planning Board's conditions.

RESOLUTION# 16-10/24

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PLUMMER ORCHARDS SPECIAL USE PERMIT FILED ON 8/2/24 FOR FARM WORKER HOUSING WITH THE ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD'S CONDITIONS AS PRESENTED TO EACH BOARD MEMBER.

RESOLVED, to approve Plummer Orchards special use permit filed on 8/2/24 for farm worker housing with the Orleans County Planning Board's conditions as presented to each board member.

Offered by: Ralph Smith
Seconded by: Mark Hughes

Votes: 4 Ayes (Smith, Hughes, Daum, Kurz); 0 Nays (2 absent Urbanik, Suhr)

Gary Daum spoke about the training he went to.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS WAS DISCUSSED

Chairman Richard Kurz entertained a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Offered by: Ralph Smith
Seconded by: Mark Hughes

Votes: 4 Ayes (Smith, Hughes, Daum, Kurz); 0 Nays (2 absent Urbanik, Suhr)