

TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
Special Meeting
August 26, 2021

The Town of Northampton held a Special Meeting to review the proposed amendments to both the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning and Subdivision Law presented by the Town of Northampton Planning Board, and the proposed Campground/Park. The Tuesday, August 24, 2021 as previously stated was rescheduled and was held on Thursday, August 26, 2021. The meeting opened at 6:33 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 412 South Main St., Northville, NY.

PRESENT: Supervisor: James Groff
Councilmen: Darryl Roosa. William Gritsavage and Art Simmons
Councilwomen: Molly Zullo

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Warren (Skip) Taylor and Colleen Cordone

Discussion on the proposed amendments to the Town of Northampton Comprehensive Master Plan and the proposed amendments to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Code based upon the amendments made to the Town of Northampton Comprehensive Master Plan as adopted by the Town of Northampton Planning Board Resolution #2021-01.

Discussion and questions

Page 4 - They are not up to date with the Solar Farms. We are not sure if the APA is allowing it or if they have even made a decision yet. Councilman William Gritsavage asked if we can we keep Solar Farms from coming here? What happens if these companies go out of business?

Warren “Skip” Taylor stated that when we were doing the new zoning the consultant stated that you don’t identify an option that people can come up with and control it. You then don’t have the ability to control it. You lose your ability to control it.

It was suggested contacting Scott Henze and the Town Attorney.

Councilman Art Simmons felt that all of this is way too much and way over the top generally speaking.

Did this propose the Town to buy the Golf Course asked Mr. Taylor?

It is in the Comprehensive Plan on page 73 stated Councilman Gritsavage. He (Gritsavage) felt it should remain in there because down the road the Town may want to buy it.

Zoning: Mr. Taylor stated that it states that the Site Plan review process (should be instituted) and updated. The Site Plan is mentioned 60 times in the existing Zoning. It ~~should be~~ instituted should possibly read “has been instituted”?

Councilwoman Molly Zullo suggested that they should reread it and update it.

It talks about consolidation with the Town and the Village. What might be good for the Town might not be good for the Village or the other way around stated Councilman Simmons. Equitably benefits responded Mr. Taylor.

Or consolidating things that are mutual. We should consolidate as part of the Master Plan stated Councilman Gritsavage.

This is to share services where ever you can explained Supervisor Groff.

Rental people should be included in this within the Water District stated Colleen Cordone.

Proposed Master Plan

Discussion, changes and questions

-Page 70- History of the Golf Course; try to eliminate the ownership wording.

-Page 4-Solar Farm – Check with the Adirondack Park Association (APA) to see if allowed by the APA

-If it is allow, do we have to have them?

-Can we keep Solar Farms from coming here?

-If so, the Solar Farms should be away from the Scenic by-way

-Approve the 3 existing houses as proposed on the Golf Course

-Page 34 update the Fire District name

-Page 36 Health Care – The Chiropractor is gone in the Village

-Add on Woodward Lake

-Page 68 Recreational Events – do not believe it is accurate. They should address that the winter carnival has been hit or miss and in the first sentence you should remove ~~put on by Merchants and Civic Association~~

- Shouldn't this document have some reference to Fish House in it?

-Page 44 Senior Housing is there anything in this proposal about the current housing?

Comprehensive Plan

-Page 4 Councilwoman Molly Zullo questioned the 5 years update.

It was agreed to send the proposed Comprehensive Plan back to the Planning Board with changes and to research all of the legal within the Adirondack Park on whether or not we can prevent Solar Farms.

The Town Board unanimously approved that having no further business come before the board to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk