

TOWN OF OTEGO PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 15, 2020

Planning Board Members Present:	Lois Chernin, Mark Dye, Harry Martin, Lonnie Ridgway
Planning Board Members Absent:	None
Planning Board Member Excused:	None
Planning Board Alternate:	None
Planning Board Recording Secretary:	Colleen Bushnell
Codes Officer - Dan Wilber:	Present
Town Board Liaison - David Sheldon:	Absent
Members of the Public:	5

The regular meeting of the Town of Otego Planning Board opened at 7:04 pm..

The minutes from the November 17, 2020 minutes were reviewed by members. No corrections needed.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Harry Martin to accept the minutes as written.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Reports: No report

Old Business:

- Michael Perry is not present at this meeting. Dan Wilber stated he had a phone conversation with Mr. Perry. Dan told him the county stated the deed and the map do not match. There is no tax number for this property. Dan advised him to contact the county regarding this. No action can be considered until this is settled.
- Thomas Brown appeared regarding his application for a Boundary Line Adjustment. He owns two small parcels on Hamilton Road. He is purchasing an additional approximate two acres to add to the two small parcels to make one parcel. He has paid the fee required and is waiting for the survey which is planned for next week.
- Lois reviewed Mr. Brown's application which includes the appropriate EAF form and declared the application complete. There was no discussion.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Harry Martin, in the matter of the Thomas Brown Boundary Line Adjustment to declare the Planning Board as lead agency.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

- Lois read the questions from the second part of the short EAF form. As this Boundary Line Adjustment results in no adverse environmental impact it is a negative declaration. No further SQER action is required.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway, to declare this a negative impact under SEQR needing no action.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

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Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Harry Martin, to accept the action of the Boundary Line Adjustment on Hamilton Road for tax #297.00-1-18 and #297.00-1-19 requested by Thomas Brown.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

- This will be officially on hold until the Mylar map for this is presented and signed.

New Business:

- Robert Birch, legal representative for the Latham Subdivision, brought forth an issue regarding that action from October 2020. The Latham estate had not paid the school taxes in the time frame required as the county sent the bill to an incorrect address. Mr. Latham is now unable to pay the taxes until January 2021 as they were levied into the property taxes. This results in Mr. Latham being unable to submit a subdivision map to the County within the 62 day time requirement. Mr. Birch is requesting the Planning Board chairman re-approve the map tonight. This will date the map so when the taxes are paid the county will accept it. The Planning Board approves of this action. Lois Chernin re-approved and signed the Mylar map.
- Mr. Birch presented an application for a Boundary Line Adjustment for the easterly and northerly part of a parcel owned by Randy Perkins on County Highway 6 with tax #297.00-1-12. Mr. Latham is transferring 1.05 acres from the southwesterly corner of the Latham subdivision to Randy Perkins. This will expand the property from .36 acres to 1.41 acres. Mr. Birch presented the fee of \$20 to Lois for a Boundary Line Adjustment.
- The Planning Board has no objections to this Boundary Line Adjustment. Lois declared the application complete.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Harry Martin, in the matter of the Latham/Perkins Boundary Line Adjustment to declare the Planning Board as lead agency.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

- Lois read the questions from the second part of the short EAF form. As this Boundary Line Adjustment results in no adverse environmental impact it is a negative declaration. No further SQER action is required.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Harry Martin, to declare this a negative impact under SEQR needing no action.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway, to accept the action of the Latham/Perkins Boundary Line Adjustment.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion Carried.

- Lois states the Town Board received a letter from Northern Array. They are requesting the Planning Board review and make recommendations regarding the letter. Dan Wilber states it is simply a sales pitch. The county has raised several towers in our town and tried to market them. There is not enough usage for companies to be interested. This does not really apply to Otego and would not be useful. The Planning Board will recommend to the Town Board no action be taken on this.
- A question was raised regarding Matt Esch who had inquired regarding installing a commercial kitchen in his garage. Dan states he went to the home and explained to Matt what is needed. Mr. Esch has made no further contact.

- There was discussion regarding the Rex Layton property on State Highway 7. He has ignored the cease and desist order so the issue needs to go before the town judge. There are questions concerning a fun park for children placement near the motel/half-way house and the illegal fill dumped on the property. The Planning Board can take no action until the problems are resolved.

Communications: None

Privilege of the Floor: Lois stated four hours of training is needed each year by each Board member. This can be done on-line. When any part of training is completed members need to bring in a certificate to be placed in file. This needs to be completed by February 2021.

Next meeting: January 19, 2021.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Colleen Bushnell, Acting Secretary