

TOWN OF OTEGO PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 19, 2026

Planning Board Members Present:	Lois Chernin, Kathy Leahy, Lonnie Ridgway
Planning Board Members Absent:	Mark Dye
Planning Board Member Excused:	None
Planning Board Alternate Present:	Joshua Feyerabend - Absent
Planning Board Recording Secretary Present:	Colleen Bushnell
Codes Officer - Dan Wilber:	Present
Town Board Liaison – Jimmy Hamm:	Present
Members of the Public:	2

The regular meeting of the Town of Otego Planning Board opened at 7:08 pm.

The minutes from the April 21, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed by members.

Motion made by Kathy Leahy, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway, to accept the minutes as written. No discussion.

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Report: Jimmy reported on the Town Board meeting:

- Still waiting to purchase a backhoe.

Old Business:

- Lois gave updated information on the Monti project. Mr. Monti contacted her regarding a request to make changes in his plan. He is considering constructing ~~three~~ dwellings for Social Services to place families in need. This is in addition to considering cabins to rent during baseball season.
- Lois made him aware that he needs to contact Dan Wilber regarding the possible changes.
- Per Dan Wilber, Mr. Monti would be required to sub-divide the property for each of the dwellings. Current zoning would not allow more than one dwelling on the property.
- To date Mr. Monti has not contacted Dan. Dan would need documentation in order to consider anything.
- Whatever Mr. Monti considers must first be approved by the Planning Board.

- Michael Dunphy is present regarding an action taken by the Planning Board on April 21, 2026 for a Boundary Line Adjustment. He has brought the maps for this action and is requesting Lois to sign them.

Motion made by Lonnie Ridgway, seconded by Kathy Leahy, to allow Lois to sign the maps for the Boundary Line Adjustment approved on April 21, 2026. No discussion

Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Motion carried.

- Lois signed all the maps provided for the Boundary Line Adjustment.
- Mr. Monti was informed they need to be received at the Otsego County Office within 60 days.

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New Business:

- Lois sent information to the Planning Board members regarding training by New York State for wetlands. If interested need to complete the training on-line.
- Lois states the lawyer is close to completing her review of the revised zoning laws for the town.
- When they are completed, Lois will send a copy to each Planning Board member to review. It will also be provided to the Town Board who then sends it to Otsego County to review.
- Following the above there will be a Public Hearing for community input after which the Town Board will approve.
- Lonnie still has not received proof of training he completed for New York State.
- There has also been no proof received regarding the training the Planning Board took regarding SEQR forms.
- Lois will contact NYS regarding this.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Next meeting: June 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

**Motion made by Kathy Leahy, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion
Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Colleen Bushnell, Secretary