

Planning Board – November 20, 2017

Present: Chairman Dave Granzin, Floyd Hoover, Linda Lefko, Elaine Thiesmeyer, Daniel Hoover

Audience: Fred & Ruby Zimmerman, Dwight James- Code Officer

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Motion by Elaine 2nd Linda to accept the October minutes, carried.

New business: *Tabled application*

Signage Area Variance 17-20 Fred Zimmerman, property at 1720 Rte 14, Town of Torrey. He would like to remove existing “Viking Motel” sign on the north side of his newly sided barn near intersection of Rte 14 and 54. He would like to sell the space for advertising maybe a local business.

Mr. Zimmerman received correspondence from NYS DOT stating his sign 24 x 24 would meet their criteria and saw no reason to deny a DOT application, if approved by the Town first.

Mr. Zimmerman said that local wineries, breweries and a restaurant expressed interest in the space

Elaine stated that he should state to the ZBA that it would be tough to cover up existing signage without a new sign and he was replacing an obsolete sign.

Also recommended that if approved he should insist on permanent sign not temporary banner.

Linda stated she is not comfortable as it does not meet the current code.

Dave questioned if approved, a precedent would be set.

Elaine stated this is a special situation, a pre-existing sign, but agrees that approval could open door for future large signs

Dave made the motion seconded Elaine to deny this application carried by all.

Solar energy-draft regulations

Discussion on installation in Ag Districts.

NYS Ag & Markets has guidelines that could be met on this type of installation.

Definition for Minor and Major systems

Recommend to have draft reviewed by a solar company for input

Dave will make the changes and send out copies.

Mobile Home Regulations

Send letter to Town Board recommending the deletion of Mobile home restriction upon the approval of Town Attorney.

Discussion on putting a minimum size on dwelling

Code Officer will research adjoining towns regulations regarding minimum size.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08pm

Dwight James,
Sec. Pro-tem