**TOWN OF AMITY PLANNING BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 16, 2021**

**APPROVED**

The meeting was held with options for in-person and ZOOM attendance, and called to order at 7:00PM.

Those present were: W. Skinner, G. Hanchett, B. Zlomek, D. Serra, J. Clouse; excused were J. Maynard and P. VanDyke.

***Approval of Minutes*** Motion to approve minutes of the 11-11-2021 meeting made by D. Serra; seconded by G. Hanchett; Vote: yes – 5; no – 0; motion carried.

***Town Board Report***  W. Skinner reported that the town board passed a resolution to opt out the law for cannibas dispenseries and on-site consumption facilities. Public hearing will be on 12-27-2021 at 6PM. The town board also moved to receive the Moratorium on the Use of Commercial Land for Solar Development, and to set up a public hearing . The following appointments were made: BAR – Phil Brown, Don Baker; PB – John Clouse. Discussion held about old records upstairs in the Village & Town Hall; STW received a grant to help the municipalities scan old records; they need to be boxed up and scanned by a third party. There was also further discussion about set up of new IT / servers / computer systems for the town.

***New Business***

***Website*** Gretchen presented an estimate of $2,000 – 3,000 by Matt Mitchell to set up a website for the planning board and town board use. The town acknowledges the need to revamp their website, but prefer not to use county contacts to do so.

***Appointments*** The town attorney was going to be contacted about whether or not G. Hanchett had a conflict of interest serving on the planning board while serving as a county legislator.

***Old Business***

***Vouchers*** W. Skinner received permission to submit vouchers via email to the town bookkeeper.

 ***Joint Comprehensive Plan for Village and Town Strategies Student Proposals*** The draft for the joint comprehensive plan should be available for review by the joint committee sometime after December 17th.

***Other ??***

 ***Proactive planning***  Some ideas for development along Rte. 19 corridor include “Made in America” store, a refurbish/reclamation business site, Target department store, renovations to the Belvidere Cornerstone venue.

 ***Moratorium on Solar Development*** There will be a public hearing on the proposed moratorium on January 3, 2022 at 6PM.

 ***Opt Out*** Public hearing to adopt law will take place on 12-27-21 at 6PM.

***Holiday Luncheon*** will be held at Town Hall office for village and town employees and boards on Thursday, 12-23-2021 at noon.

***Next Meeting -- January 13, 2022 @ 7PM***

***Adjournment*** Motion to adjourn by D. Serra, seconded by B. Zlomek; Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.