

**Fulton County Planning Board**  
**Fulton County Planning Office**  
**1 East Montgomery Street | Johnstown, NY 12095**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**  
**8:45 a.m.**

**Meeting Notes**

**Present:**

Dave Rackmyre, Jr., Chairman  
James Anderson, Vice Chairman  
Walter Fitzgerald  
Peter Goderie  
Tracy Gutowski  
John Kessler  
Jerry Moore

Sean Geraghty, Planning Consultant  
Aaron Enfield, Sr. Planner

**1. Call Meeting To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes to the February 15, 2022 Meeting:**

MOTION: To approve the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes

MADE BY: James Anderson

SECONDED: Tracy Gutowski

VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed

**3. General Municipal Law:**

In accordance with New York State General Municipal Law § 239-m, the following applications were forwarded to the County Planning Board for review:

**A. City of Johnstown – Site Plan for a building expansion at Steet Toyota along NYS Route 30A**

Steet Toyota would like to construct a 57’4” x 50’ addition to an existing building located at 310 North Comrie Avenue (Tax Map Parcel No. 163.9-2-1.2). The edition will go on the northeast side of the building closer to Bloomingdale Avenue.

PLANNING BOARD ACTION:

MOTION: Recognizing no regional implications that could occur from Steet Toyota's building expansion project along NYS Route 30A in the City of Johnstown and to offer no recommendation to the City of Johnstown Planning Board on Steet's Site Plan application.

MADE BY: David Rackmyre  
SECONDED: James Anderson  
VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed

**4. Planning Board Membership:**

The Fulton County Planning Board is a 9-member board with one (1) Alternate member. The Board has been operating for several months with only eight (8) members. On January 26, 2022, Colleen Ioele-DeCristofaro, who lives in the City of Johnstown, expressed an interest in serving on the County Planning Board. On Monday, March 14, 2022, the Fulton County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Ms. Ioele-DeCristofaro to the Fulton County Planning Board.

**5. Activities Report February 1, 2022:**

Each month, County Planning Department staff put together an Activities Report for the Buildings and Grounds/Highway Committee of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors. This Committee is responsible for overseeing the work undertaken by the Planning Department staff. In an effort to give County Planning Board members an idea of the types of issues that are being examined and the types of projects that are currently being worked on by Planning Department staff, the Activities Report is included on the Board's monthly Agenda.

PLANNING BOARD DISCUSSION:

Planning Board Member Jerry Moore pointed out the work the County has been doing with the Sacandaga Lake Visitor Center. He mentioned the Town of Northampton Historian has been contacted and questioned why the Mayfield Historical Society, which operates the Riceville Homestead, has not been. He suggested that historical groups within the County may be able to help staff the facility with their volunteers.

Planning Consultant Sean Geraghty stated that he will speak with Planning Director Scott Henze about Mr. Moore's concern.

Planning Board Member Pete Goderie inquired if the project is solely within Fulton County?

Senior Planner Aaron Enfield mentioned that the Great Sacandaga Lake Visitor Center is still in the preliminary planning phases and it is expected that there will be a relationship between both Saratoga and Fulton County. He stated that the Town of Edinburg Supervisor Jean Raymond of Saratoga County has been made aware of the project.

6. **Other Business:**

**Battery Storage**

Mr. Moore mentioned that he received a letter from Bluewave Solar on leasing his property for battery storage.

Mr. Geraghty indicated that battery storage as a component of a Solar Farm Project, is potentially an allowed use. He stated that a stand-alone battery storage project has been talked about in the Town of Johnstown. However, he explained that a battery storage project by itself, is not an allowed use in any of the towns in Fulton County.

**Solar Farms**

Mr. Geraghty stated that Borrego Solar withdrew its Special Permit application for a Solar Farm project along County Highway 132 in the Town of Perth. He pointed out that a recent NYS Supreme Court decision involving a Solar Farm project in the Town of Schoharie went against Borrego. Mr. Geraghty stated that Borrego's project in the Town of Perth has similar issues, which may have led to the company's withdrawal of its application.

**Fulton County Brownfield Program**

Planning Board Vice Chairman James Anderson asked that the property on the corner of West Fulton Street and Arlington Avenue in the City of Gloversville be added to the County's list.

**Economics of Fulton County**

Mr. Enfield discussed a list of top employers in Fulton County, which was a topic that Planning Board Vice Chairman James Anderson suggested at the December 21, 2021 County Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Enfield pointed out that the information is also available on the Fulton County IDA website.

7. **Close of Meeting:**

MOTION: To close the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

MADE BY: James Anderson

SECONDED: David Rackmyre

VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 opposed