

Minutes of the Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Sandy Creek Town Hall

Members present: Larry Rice, Frank Dixon, Bill Joyce, Richard Machemer, Pat Machemer, Sybil Cummins and Shirley Rice

Chair Larry Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Frank Dixon made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/5/22 as presented, seconded by Larry Rice. All voted in the affirmative and the motion was passed.

Correspondence includes the monthly report from the Sandy Creek CEO John Howland, the Winter, 2022, edition of the NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources – Rural Futures, and the minutes of the January meeting of the Sandy Creek Town Board.

Bill Joyce gave the Treasurer's report noting that the only expenditures were for salaries and EFTPS of \$164.48 for the past month. The account holds a balance of \$2837.28. Bill further reported that now that the Town is beginning to collect taxes for the new fiscal year, the appropriation for the Planning Board should be approved at the next Town Board meeting. He would proceed to purchase a new computer for the Board as soon as one meeting the Board's requirements has been identified. This will include an external drive for monthly backup of all pertinent files to DVRW discs.

A discussion followed concerning the Sandy Creek Village Solar local law. Bill proposed that a moratorium be considered to last for no more than six months for Solar Farm projects in the Village in order to study the Village Solar law to determine if there are improvements that can be made in order to prevent further "eyesore" conditions as have been created by the two projects already installed in the Village. Specifically, to address the 5 energy transfer poles that carry power out of the solar farms to the street. Bill will research moratoria from other villages to see what language is out there that the Planning Board might consider. The moratorium idea will be put to the Village Board on Monday, 2/7/22 for their consideration.

Bill once again stated that Shirley will need to sign the Oath Book at the village office after the Village Board meeting on 2/7/22.

The annual requirement for NYS Sexual Harassment training was then completed. The Board was provided with an interactive opportunity to discuss the training and were apprised that the Town does have a Sexual Harassment policy and Complaint Forms available to them at the Town Office.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Pat Machemer and seconded by Richard Machemer to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Board adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary - Sybil Cummins