

**Town of Brasher Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
6:00 pm February 15, 2023**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Julia Rose with Bob Carter, Ron Miller, Danny Pike, Jamie Fredonick, and Wes Lincoln present. Board members welcomed Mr. Lincoln as the new code enforcement officer.
2. *Mr. Miller moved the minutes of October 19, 2022 be approved Mr. Carter seconded. Approved*
3. Mr. Forbes provided a final code enforcement activity report for 2022. Mr. Lincoln provided a year to date report.
4. Project Reviews:
 - John Miller applied for a SUP for a sawmill at 600 CR 53, Tax Map No 25.004-2-24. The property is 73.05 acres within a Rural Development Zoning District. There is no Ag District designation for the property. A sawmill is a permitted use with special use permit. Mr. Miller intends to build a new residence proximate to the barn.
 - The project was reviewed by the County Planning Board on February 9th and approved with a condition, non-binding recommendations, and zoning revision suggestions:
 - Condition: Secure a driveway permit from the County Highway department
 - Non-Binding recommendations: install baffled siding along the north and west elevations of the sawmill to help attenuate sound and the code enforcement officer to consult with County Highway staff for best driveway design to accommodate for tractor trailers
 - Zoning revision suggestions: adopt a definition for sawmill and for sawmill properties adjacent to residences increase setbacks to 100'; require mufflers and wall enclosures to attenuate sound.
 - Mr. Lincoln has met with Mr. Miller several times. Mr. Miller was issued a building permit for the barn that houses the sawmill in 2022. Mr. Miller has installed a muffler.
 - Mr. Miller's neighbor, Michelle First, has complained about the noise, emissions and traffic access/egress to Supervisor Peets, Mr. Lincoln, and the County.
 - Board members discussed all aspects of the project and the County's review. Mr. Lincoln was asked to get an actual measurement of the noise using a decibel meter at both the sawmill and Ms. First's property. **Mr. Lincoln was instructed to ask the Town Clerk to confirm and provide public notice of a public hearing on this SUP on March 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm.**
5. Ms. Rose reported on the *Planning with Agrivoltatics in Mind* webinar she attended. She will share the link of the recorded webinar with the board. She noted the 2023 ADK Planning Forum is set for April 26-27 in Saranac Lake. The Town will reimburse for registration fees, mileage and hotel room. Members were urged to stop and get a tax exempt form from the Town Clerk if staying the night.
6. There was no old business
7. New Business:
 - Mr. Lincoln was contacted by a gentleman from Boston inquiring about the Town's stance on cryptocurrency mining. Members urged him to alert the Supervisor and ask that the Town Board initiate a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining operations until it can be properly reviewed and zoning recommended.
 - Ms. Rose suggested the board look at potential specifications for solar arrays sited for prime, prime if drained, and farmland of statewide importance within the Town. Members agreed to add to the next agenda for discussion.
8. Ms. Fredonick agreed to draft a letter of appreciation for Mr. Forbes to be signed by members at the March 15th meeting.
9. The next regular meeting of the planning board will be April 19. The next special meeting of the planning board will be March 15 at 6:30 pm where a quorum will be required to enact on the SUP application of Mr. Miller.
10. *Mr. Miller moved the meeting adjourn at 7:05 pm. Mr. Carter seconded. Carried*