

Town of Enfield Planning Board Meeting
October, 5th, 2022
Town of Enfield Courthouse, and Via the Zoom Meeting Platform
7 pm

Present: Planning Board Chair Dan Walker; Planning Board Members; Michael Carpenter, Ann Chaffee, Henry Hansteen; Town Supervisor Stephanie Redmond; Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter; Town Clerk Mary Cornell.

Virtual Attendance: Planning Board Alternate Aaron Abb; Town Councilperson Robert Lynch.

Excused: Planning Board Member Rich Teeter; Planning Board Alternate, Joe Dawson.

Call to order: Dan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Review Minutes:

September Minutes: Henry Hansteen motioned and Mike Carpenter seconded to approve the September minutes.

Vote: Chairperson Walker, Aye; PBM Chaffee, Aye; PBM Hansteen, Aye; PBM Carpenter, Aye; Carried.

Discussion: The Planning Board reviewed a Zoning document that was sent to the planning board by Town Supervisor Redmond. Discussion followed including but not limited to Riparian Buffer's and the impacts associated with disturbing them. Mike Carpenter asked Dan Walker if he had followed the Town of Caroline's Zoning Law progress. Planning Board Members had many questions as they were reviewing the document. Dan compared Enfield's current site plan review law and the protection of streams it provides in the general standards of review (design standards). The definition of slopes is a change of slope of 10'. Page 7, paragraph H – multi town departments need to have input on the design standards (review). Dan shared his screen of the DEC Three-Zone Concept with their definition of Riparian Buffers. Dan shared that it needs to be a thick dense buffer filled with more than trees so that it can be more effective. This helps it be a better filter and the trees provide shade which can assist in keeping water temperatures down. Dan shared that DEC permitting requires farmers have to stay back at least 50' if not more from water sources. Mike asked if farmers would be grandfathered in if they were plowing right up to the creek. He also asked if we set this law who will enforce it, would it be Enfield Code Enforcement? Dan said it would be regulated by the DEC. Dan shared that we can look at buffer zones, but not agriculture zones (DEC oversees this). Dan would like to identify the critical screens (use the aquifer maps) which is what the water resource committee is recommending. The committee wants to limit development in the critical water source areas. Dan shared the Tompkins County GIS Environmental Health map. It shows waterway buffers that were determined by Tompkins County. 100' Intermittent and perennial streams, the map showed what the buffers would look like. Dan shared that defining the perennial streams based on the county map should be considered and avoid developments in these areas. We would make our own definitions for our regulations for the buffers and roadways. Dan recommends modifying our site plan regulations. He asked Supervisor Redmond if the Town Board would find this plan acceptable. Mike asked what the downsides would be and if this change to the site plan regulations would interfere with any other laws that we currently have and Dan answered that he did not see many. Dan asked Board members to let him know if there are items that they would like included or excluded from the documents that are being reviewed. Mike asked if this would apply to single family residences? Dan said that we do not currently review site plans for single family residences. Mike does not like making laws that we are not going to enforce, laws are made for a reason. Verbiage can be added if constructed in a stream buffer that approval is needed by the Enfield Planning Board.

Dan asked if anyone had any concerns addressed and he would like comments from others. Dad will be having back surgery in late October and he will not be able to attend in-person for the November meeting and asked Mike to run the meeting.

Adjournment: Ann Chaffee motioned to adjourn with a second by Mike Carpenter. Adjourned 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cornell

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Town Clerk

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