

Planning Board Minutes – July Monthly Meeting

July 20th, 2026 meeting was held in the Town meeting room at 56 Geneva St, Dresden NY and called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman George Dowse

Present: Chairman George Dowse, Floyd Hoover, James Warner

Excused: Chad Nelson,

Others present: Vanessa Goff, Jared Bailey, Lisa Wood, Ellen Campbell

George led the pledge of allegiance

Motion by Jim 2nd Floyd to approve May minutes carried.

New Business:

Site Plan Review Orig .21-1 Jared Bailey dba Back Achers 2830 Jared Rd Himrod NY TM # 76.02-1-3. Mr. Bailey proposes adding 95 campsites to the existing 39. This application was submitted in 2021 with preliminary discussion at July 19, 2021, Planning Board meeting, NYSDOH and NYSDEC Review/Approval process along with Covid has delayed the project. Mr. Bailey stated he started this project in 2014 waiting for DEC approval.

Mr. Bailey presented maps and improvements on his 2014 plans for expansion. The property is 125 acres with 80 acres remaining farmland. Adding septic system and retentions ponds. Has drilled a new well now there are 3 wells on the property. Delayed at this point by NYSEG installing a transformer. DEC and DOH are the engineers on this project. Last addition to plan was dumpsters. DOH regulations on the water system in May and DEC regulates the Septic system. The plans have now received approval from Yates County Planning Board, DOH and DEC. Torrey is the final approval needed. Discussion on site, new section is in the wooded area. Tent camping is now trending. Mr. Bailey invited members to visit the site, and he will take them around for a tour. Mr. Bailey will send the site plans digitally to Code who will forward to the planning board members for further review of project. George thanked Mr. Bailey for attending and answering questions on the application. Final decision on this site plan review will be made at August meeting.

Ellen Campbell of Arrowhead Beach Rd presented concerns on Data Processing. Reported at the last Town Board meeting, of a letter-writing campaign to the Governor. Over 500+ local businesses, including many of our wineries, sent letters requesting a statewide Moratorium on Data Processing Expansion. As of this week, Governor Hochul has signed the Moratorium delaying new Data Center expansion until effect on the Grid is determined. She explained the difference in energy use between Bit Coin Miners and Data Processing. Data Processing requires enormous amounts of water and energy and 99% uptime whereas

Bit coins can be shut down at any time. She stated she is experiencing brown outs now, what happens if Greenidge expands to Data Processing. Noise level will increase.

George stated another noise study can be ordered to determine compliance with town noise law.

Mrs. Campbell stated if Greenidge expands into a Data Center, it will increase the need for power and water, stopping supply of energy to the grid. This will defiantly affect our energy bills. She then presented Town of North Tonawanda Moratorium to members.

She urges the Town to enact a moratorium on Data Processing Expansion to protect the residents of Village of Dresden and Town of Torrey.

George has a few more edits to the zoning code update then will send it out to Town attorney for opinion. He would like to clear up map changes with the deletion of C1 and C2 zones.

Dwight James Code Officer stated applications August meeting

SUP Modification for Finger Lakes Metal- Due to a concern brought to Code Office, Dwight will ask FL Metal to mark out well locations of adjacent neighboring properties.

Area Variance - Chris & Heather Christensen

There being no further business before the board George made motion to adjourn 2nd by Jim carried at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,