

**Town of Otisfield
Planning Board Minutes
Town Office Annex
November 15, 2022
7:00 PM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair – Karen Turino
2. Attendance: Chair – Karen Turino, Vice Chair – Scott Arn, Stan Brett, Pauline Flagg, Herb Olson, John Ywoskus – Alternate, Sarah Burnham - Alternate/Recording Secretary.

Code Enforcement Officer: Fred Collins

3. **Announcement of Quorum:** Board has a quorum
4. **Approve Secretary's Report:**
 - A. Regular Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2022. *Motion to accept minutes. HO/SBrett – Unanimous.

5. **Discussion & Comments from Public:**

- A. Christine Fisher, 442 Gore Road, regarding The Wedding Barn, Map 04 L
Christine Fisher expressed concern about what she and other neighbors were seeing in the tearing down of a barn on The Wedding Barn property, as well as other construction and renovations. She said the changes to the property were happening too fast, and she was worried that something illegal could slip through. She mentioned postings on Face Book by the owner describing some of his plans for the Wedding Barn when it opened that concerned her, including hours of operation. KT said that because there was no change of use, there was no reason for the Planning Board to get involved. CEO, Fred Collins reported that to date none of the deconstruction and construction violated any building codes. He said that despite what the owner was describing on Face Book and elsewhere, he has not implemented any of the plans that concern Ms. Fisher and some of her neighbors. KT noted that the concerns right now are based on promotion by the owner and rumor. Until he actually does something illegal or not to code, there is no reason for the CEO to take any action. KT thanked Ms. Fisher and the neighbors, who were with her, for their concern that laws and Codes not be broken on the property. The CEO reassured her that he will continue to enforce the Building Permit.

6. **Residence - Based Business Applications:**

- A. None.

7. **Shoreland Zoning Applications:**

- A. None.

8. **Miscellaneous Applications:**

- A. None.

9. **Subdivision Application:**

- A. None

10. **Upcoming Dates:**

- A. Planning Board Workshop November 22, 2022

11. **Discussion & comments from Code Enforcement Officer:**

- A. None.

12. **Discussion & comments from Board:**

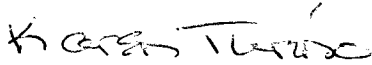
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13. Unfinished Business:

A. Solar Farm Discussion: For Background: the BOS requested the PB members DRAFT the Solar Farm Ordinance. BOS are looking for this to be a stand-alone Solar Farm Ordinance and AVCOG is available as a resource. David Galbraith from AVCOG is working with the Board and progress is being made.

14. Adjournment: Based on the time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM. PF/SBurnham – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Turino, Secretary Pro Tem

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Turino".

Approved by: Karen Turino, Chair
Otisfield Planning Board

Approved on: December 13, 2022