

## Town of Nichols Planning Board Meeting

September 21, 2021

Present: Andy Silvanic, Ken Snowden, Brenda Fay-Pelotte, William Leonard, Barbara Crannell

Absent: Jayne Stolfus, Marcy Hill

Guest: Laurie Maciak, Dog Catcher Town of Nichols

Laurie Maciak discussed considerations to update the Animal Ordinance, in the areas of permits and fines, to better meet new Agriculture and Markets law.

The Board will review the information and update the ordinance where appropriate.

A proposed gravel mining operation received by Andy was re-directed to the Code Enforcement Officer who will forward on to the Zoning Board, as the area is not currently zoned for mining. Note: The owner purchased the property many years ago, at a time zoning was not in place in the Town of Nichols.

Further discussion on the importance of pursuing the RPTL Section 487 Opt- Out and recommending it at the next Town Board meeting.

Review of wind energy facilities will take place at our October meeting.

The Recreation Vehicle Ordinance will go to the Town board with existing changes for acceptance or other action.

Discussed adding language to the landscape screening section of the Solar Ordinance to enhance requirements at time of planting.

Andy discussed a Solar and Wind Tax appraisal which establishes tax and finance regulations for Solar and Wind appraisal.

Final discussion resulted in the need for Code books for each Planning Board member to work more efficiently, and assist members in becoming well versed in the Codes of the Town of Nichols.

Attendance requested at the Town Board meeting October 12, 7p.m.

Next Planning Board meeting October 19, 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.