



TOWN OF WILLSBORO

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

MINUTES PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATE: December 20th, 2018 at 7:00 PM LOCATION: Willsboro Town Hall

Present: Chairman: Robert Powell, Board Members: James Leibeck, Patrick McCauliffe, Wayne Feeley, Tess Grubb, Gregory Gordon

Excused: John Sucharzewski

Member of the Public: Lorilee Sheehan, Tara Valachovic

Chairman Robert Powell called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm

MINUTES: Leibeck called for a motion to approve the November 2018 minutes as presented. Feeley seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: NO PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS: NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

--Willsboro Central School---29 School Lane---RL-5--- LED Display sign

Ms. Valachovic introduced the board to the project with a PowerPoint presentation. She stated that the idea of this projects started when traveling around over the summer seeing the different school signs and noticing that Willsboro's sign is very outdated, in disrepair, and still had left over letters from the previous school year. When the new school was built, they never updated the sign but salvaged the old sign. She stated that it is a very daunting task to change the letters in the sign which takes about 30-45 minutes and in the winter is much more difficult.

Ms. Valachovic showed many of the benefits to having a digital sign. For example: It is much faster to change messages, the changes can be made from the office, it is less apt to be vandalized or changed, and, with the school being the hub of the community, there are community messages that can be displayed. This also improves the look of the school.

Grubb asked how close the nearest residential structure is. Valachovic stated that it is across the road to the school and would not interfere with the residential houses. Powell stated that town code doesn't allow LED signs, that signs can't exceed 8 sq. ft, that signs can't be more than 4 feet from the ground and, that they must be 20 feet from the road. In order for this to go through it would require several variances from the ZBA. There were questions about the lighting and if they were going to be on all night or be able to be dimmed. The Planning Board recognized the benefits of the proposed sign and discussed some possible changes that could be made that could help get it approved by the ZBA.

(Powell/Feeley) A motion was made to deny the sign and send it to the ZBA recognizing the need for the sign and the considerations that were made from the board Willsboro Central School sign. Feeley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Leibeck called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Grubb Seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Codia Crandall
Secretary for Planning and Zoning Board

