

Town of Inlet
Planning Board
May 31, 2023

Members Present:

Dave Scranton, Chair
Bruce O'Hara, Regular Member
Lynn Durkin, Regular Member
Dennis Hudson, Alternate Member

Member Absent:

Amanda Miller, Vice Chair
Linda Raymond, Regular Member
Greg Clark, Alternate Member

Also Present:

Aimee VanWie, Codes Enforcement/Assessor
John Rouse, Codes Enforcement
John Frey, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order by Dave Scranton at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes

On a motion offered by Lynn Durkin, seconded by Bruce O'Hara, with all in favor, the minutes from April 25, 2023 were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to share.

Codes & Zoning

John Rouse shared a copy of the current Town of Inlet building permits and septic permits. It was noted that there were three new building permits and no new septic permits issued since last month. There were brief discussions about a couple projects that are finishing up. The codes enforcement officer's report can be found online at www.townofinlet.org.

Short Term Rentals

It was stated that the public hearing regarding the proposed short term rental law remains open. Dave Scranton gave a recap of informational meeting that was held on May 27th. It was noted that the following were in attendance: Adele Burnett, Dave Scranton, Lynn Durkin, Bruce O'Hara, John Frey, Herb Schmid, Tim Brownsell, Aimee VanWie, Don Gerace, Gary Zawatski, Janet Cardella, Paul Derdzinski, and Mike Makuszak.

The definition of short-term rental was questioned – If a property is sold, does the two-year moratorium prevent it from being rented to a seasonal worker during those two years? The board believes it does not, and that this is covered under Exemptions, Exclusions, Prohibitions & Pre-Existing Use: “Any building or structure, or portion thereof, which is used as a renter’s primary residence is exempt from the permitting requirements under this Article even if the rental term is less than six months, subject to the below conditions:”

There was also some discussion on what happens if an owner decides to create an LLC for their property, does this open the two-year moratorium? And what if an owner passes away and leaves the property to their child, does this open the moratorium? These questions will be asked of the town’s attorneys.

Master Plan Update

The board was asked to start looking through the Town of Inlet’s Comprehensive Master Plan, which is posted on www.townofinletny.org. This board hopes to have an updated version to present to the Town Board in 2024.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

The board had a brief discussion about Long Lake’s Battery Energy Storage System Law, which they adopted in April of this year. The board was asked to review their law for future discussions. It was also stated that there is a recording of Rev Renewables & National Grid’s Information Session from May 23 in Raquette Lake available for those who want to listen.

There was mention of electric vehicle charging stations, and it was stated that NYSERDA has useful information about the installation of them.

All business having come before this board, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. with a motion offered by Bruce O’Hara, seconded by Dennis Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele M. Burnett