

**Planning Board Regular Meeting
Town of Fort Ann, NY
June 27, 2022**

A regular meeting was held by the Planning Board of the Town of Fort Ann, County of Washington, and the State of New York at the Fort Ann Town Hall, 80 George Street, Fort Ann, NY on the 27th day of June, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Donald Bedeaux, Chairman
William Hohmann, Vice Chairman
Brian Mattison
Chad Wilson
Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Planning Board
Tiffany A. Ball, Secretary

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Lucas Dobie, Mr. Ladd, Ed & Linda Steves, Mary Ryther

OPEN REGULAR MEETING: Don review the minutes from last meeting. Does anyone have any questions or corrections?
Bill motion to approve, Dave 2nd

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Ed & Linda Steves:

Don: You're just looking to create a new lot correct?

Ed: Yes, here is the APA approval.

Bill made motion to deem application as exempt from public hearing as it is a family subdivision, Dave 2nd.

Ayes- 5 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

Bill made motion to approve as written on plans, Chad 2nd.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

Mary Ryther/Bootown:

Mary: last time I was here was in January, at which point we were waiting for DOT to review parking. I just want to make sure everything is okay with this board before we go forward.

Don: What is DOT saying, any stipulations?

Mary: They approved it, no stipulations. I will put signs up to slow down etc. Neighbors have asked if we can get the speed limit reduced as well. I told them I would mention it while here.

Jeff: You can try, resolution from the town board making the request is needed and they then submit it to the state at which point the state can take it or leave it.

Mary: Oh, okay.

Mary: DOT said they went over as far as they could and it will be both entry and exit.

Bill: My concern is about the neighbors and how they feel about the noise etc.

Mary: Neighbors are okay with it. I gave letters to each one with my name, phone number etc being completely transparent and upfront. Asked them to call me with any questions or concerns. I heard from 3 of the 5 neighbors, all of which had no issues other than the one to lower the speed limit.

Don: Emergency exit? Does it go onto Allen's property?

Mary: No, it's just how I drew it, I'm sorry.

Brian: Over here it says camper for office?

Mary: Yes, Mark Miller said as long as I wasn't living in it, there wasn't an issue. I do need it as an office space because I will need to have internet to run some of the attractions, and need to have a place for them to install it.

Don: Is all electrical underground?

Mary: Yes.

Brian, Motion to move to Public Hearing, Chad 2nd.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

Bullseye Party Rentals:

Lucas Dobie representing Eric Seelye of Bullseye: They have outgrown their current building and are looking to expand a bit. They would like to build another 40 x 60' building 50 feet north of the current structure. They would like to do a well & septic so that they have water.

Don: Will they have an office there?

Lucas: Yes, they will frame out an office for use eventually.

Don: Will it be all enclosed & will it be for storage?

Lucas: Yes.

Chad made motion to set Public Hearing, Dave 2nd.

Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

My name is David Delore and I live on Farley Road. I am wondering what your criteria for placing a 60 year old trailer on my road is? It's an eyesore. I have this trailer on one side of my property, and another on the other side with a septic that is leaking, and 8 people living in it along with dogs.

Don: Sir, there is nothing we can do. She came to us with all of the appropriate documentation and met all of our stipulations.

David: What do you mean there is nothing you can do? You can't ask the neighbors how they feel about destroying their property? My property value has dropped \$30,000 and the reason noted was "the neighborhood".

Chad: Sir, we didn't necessarily do this. She had come to us with all of the proper criteria. We asked her to go to the town board to have them review this as well, and give her a variance if they were in agreement. She was granted that variance, and upon returning to us there was nothing we could do.

David: This is ridiculous, you never look, you never go out and ask! I will be contacting an attorney and suing the Town of Fort Ann for my entire property value; and each of you will be named in the suit as well.

Public: We will 2nd David's opinions.

David: Mark told me he advised this board not to approve this trailer!

Brian: Yes, he is correct. That is why we required that she go to the town board to get the variance.

Floyd Ladd: Fire Chief of West Fort Ann. I have not received any notification. How come I am not being contacted? I'm sorry, I'm the guy that has to go into these buildings and risk my guys lives. I would just like to be included. Have you ever seen a 60 year old trailer burn? It's going to be a recovery mission!

Public: We just want you all to know that we are greatly against having field and field of solar panels as well.

Jeff: The solar ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office or the Department of State website.

Public: The land that we are referring to is owned by brothers that live in NYC. They don't even live up here. They just want to make revenue off of their inherited property, but nobody on the road wants this to be passed. We don't want it. If you don't want the land, put it up for sale and go back to the city where you came from!