

Town of Royalton  
Planning Board Minutes

The Town of Royalton Planning Board Meeting was held on Wednesday March 27, 2024, at the Royalton Town Hall, 5316 Royalton Center Road, Middleport, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairwoman, Justine Seefeldt.

PLANNING BOARD:

Chairwoman – Justine Seefeldt

Members Present – Heather Brent, Thomas Arlington, Kevin Covell, Patricia Hinds, Ryan Pierson

Members Absent –

Clerk – Katherine Cavallaro

Other Officials –

Guests – Wendi Szabo, Barbara Outten

AGENDA: No agenda items for this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & DISTRIBUTED: None

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION:

ACTION: To Approve February 28, 2024 Planning Board Minutes.

Motion: Kevin Covell

Seconded: Patricia Hinds

All in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On March 11, 2024, the Town Board approved a motion for a 6-month moratorium for Battery Energy Storage Systems. The Planning Board will recommend to the Town Board another 6-

month Battery Storage moratorium extension due to the NFPA code and guidelines not being determined yet.

2. Ms. Brent updated the Battery Energy Storage Systems draft law.
3. Mr. Drew Riley of Wendel conveyed to Ms. Seefeldt and Ms. Brent that the Tonawanda Battery Storage Law should also be used for review in developing the Town's law. That law will be reviewed at the next Planning Board meeting.
4. Ms. Seefeldt read a letter from BlueWave regarding a potential stand-alone battery storage facility.
5. A resident asked "how restrictive can a battery storage law be?" Ms. Seefeldt said that Mr. Riley stated that if a town completely eliminates the possibility of battery storage in their town they can potentially become a target of concern. The resident then asked "if it is possible to attack the subsidies?" Ms. Brent stated that is not at the Town level but at NYS level and possibly the County.
6. Ms. Brent emailed Mike Hartman, Town Code Enforcement Officer, regarding a few town properties to determine if the property owners had received the appropriate special use permits for their business uses.

GOOD TO THE ORDER:

The next Planning Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

ACTION: To adjourn was made at 7:50pm.

Motion: Patricia Hinds

Seconded: Kevin Covel

All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine A. Cavallaro, Planning Board Clerk