

Town of Ridgeway
410 West Ave
Medina NY 14103
Planning Board
Minutes
June 7, 2017

Members Present:

Tom Fenton (Chairman)
Thomas Kline
Richard Swan
Tim Elliott
Richard Fisher

Others Present:

Dan Wolfe
LuAnn Howe
Norma Seever
Dan Pettit
Gary Roberts
Margaret Roberts
Charles Pettit
Tom Morehead
Ashley Morehead
Jeff Touissant
Kate Mientkiewicz
Jerry Mientkiewicz

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Fenton called the meeting to order with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Meyer called for a motion to approve the agenda for June 7, 2017 as written. Richard Fisher made the motion; it was seconded by Tim Elliott. All board members agreed the motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Fenton called for a motion to approve the minutes for the May 3, 2017 as written. The motion was made by Richard Fisher and seconded by Richard Swan. All board members agreed the motion was passed.

COMMUNICATION:

Training on June 28th, at the Hoag Library.
All Auto Shop Special Use Permits have been completed

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PETTIT FARMS LABOR HOUSING OPENED BY CHAIRMAN FENTON AT 7:10.

Chairman Fenton opened the hearing by giving the Special Use Permit regulations, showing pictures of the parcel from pictometry, and going over the letter received by Pettit Farms from the Ag and Markets department of New York State for all in attendance. The letter is added at the end of the minutes.

Charlie Pettit took the floor first to explain the legal process a farm has to go through to bring migrant workers in to work the farms. He also gave the cost of travel expenses and visa applications per person that the farm incurs for the season per person. Stating that a farmer does not enter into this program lightly and he considers the migrant workers as farm professionals.

Chairman Fenton then opened the floor for discussion stating that people should stand and identify themselves and address the board as to not have the meeting become unruly.

Jerry Mientkiewicz stood first to ask a few questions; how many people will live in the house? Charlie Pettit answered that he is requesting 9 but due to OSHA rules he will probably only be allowed 6 by the Health Department. Mr. Mientkiewicz then asked about restroom and septic systems requirements. Jeff Touissant stood to answer that question as he just went through this program with his farm. He stated that the health department will only allow the number of workers that the septic and bathroom facilities will handle. Mr. Mientkiewicz also asked about the length of time the workers would inhabit the house. Mr. Pettit answered by stating they would have 2 people in mid June, 2 more in July and the remainder of the amount of migrant workers allowed would be there in September and work through harvest season. Mr. Mientkiewicz's final question was whether the workers will be professional. Ashliegh Moreland stood to answer with her own experience with the labor house next to their house. She stated that she has not had any trouble with them and that they have always been respectful of her family.

LuAnne Howe asked why can't they find another location on one of the farms? Charlie Pettit answered that from a business standpoint since the farm already owns this property it is the most cost effective solution to their needs.

Chairmen Fenton asked for any more questions or concerns. There were none so he closed the meeting at 7:40 He then called for a motion to accept the special use application as written. Richard Fisher made the motion to accept the application and Richard Swan approved it. All board members were in favor so

the special use application was approved with stipulations that there will only be the amount of people in the house as approved by the Health Department.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 5, 2017 As there was no further business, Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Elliott made the motion that was seconded by Richard Fisher. All board member agreed the meeting was closed at 7:50.

