

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY  
410 West Ave  
Medina, NY 14103  
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
January 4, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Fenton (Chairman)  
Thomas Kline  
Tim Elliott (Vice Chairman) absent  
Richard Fisher absent  
Kathy Blackburn

Others Present

Jason Raduns- Code Enforcement  
Robert Burgdorf-Nixon Peabody  
Jeff Szkolnik-Verizon

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Fenton opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Fenton called for a motion to approve the January 4, 2023 Agenda. Motion was made by Kathy Blackburn to accept the meeting agenda; second by Tom Kline. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of minutes for the December 7, 2022. Motion was made by Tom Kline to accept the minutes as written; second by Kathy Blackburn. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Chairman Fenton called for the approval of the Public Hearing minutes for the December 7, 2022. Motion was made by Kathy Blackburn to accept the minutes as written; second by Tom Kline. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Fenton passed around a flyer from National Grid that talks about upgrades to all residential meters for homeowners.

Board members present signed their annual Oath of Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUP application for Verizon Wireless "Orleansky" site for construction and operation of a 180' wireless telecommunications facility off Marshall Road tax map 68.-1-44. The clerk stated that after sending the project to the Orleans County Planning Board for approval, they had contacted her stating that the project did not need county approval for being in an ag district as the county does not follow that criteria. No further discussion was needed. Chairman Fenton asked for a resolution calling for a Negative Declaration for purposes of SEQR.

**RESOLUTION 1: 1-4-2023**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A  
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE -  
SEQR-ISSUING A NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION FOR PURPOSES OF SEQR  
FOR THE ORLEANSKY WIRELESS  
TELECOMMUNICATION S PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board is considering an application submitted by Nixon Peabody- Verizon Wireless, for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review for a 180-foot Verizon Cell Tower communication facility on a parcel with the address of 3433 Marshall Road, Medina in the Town of Ridgeway; and

**WHEREAS**, The Planning Board wishes to make a Negative Declaration for purposes of SEQR,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. That the Planning Board does hereby make a Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed development, as a Negative Declaration as evidence of the Planning Board's determination for SEQR purposes.
2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Planning Board of the Town of Ridgeway on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023.

Offered by Kathy Blackburn who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Tom Kline.

Adopted: 3 Ayes (Chairman Fenton, Kathy Blackburn, Tom Kline)

0 Nays

**RESOLUTION 2: 1-4-2023**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE  
APPROVAL OF THE ORLEANSKY  
VERIZON WIRELESS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT AS  
SUBMITTED.**

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**WHEREAS**, The Planning Board wishes to approve the site plan and special use permit as submitted for the Orleansky Wireless Telecommunications project.,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has conducted a duly noticed public hearing and referred the Project to the County Planning Board.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Town of Ridgeway that:

1. The Special Use Permit and Site are approved as submitted to the planning board.
2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately

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Ridge Road Solar Project. No further update

Borrego Solar- 2668 Swett Road, Medina, NY. No further update.

Beals Road solar- update on trees, latest update is they have bids out for the trees to be replaced.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jason Raduns- code enforcement officer- discussed the SUP permits and how once the 1203 inspections are completed and have a failure, what repercussions can occur. He went on to state the Planning board can revoke the SUP permit. The board and code officer are unsure what the course of action would be. Board suggested contacting the town attorney as well as the Town Board. It was also suggested to take a look at the village of medinas procedures .

Jason also mentioned that he would get the board a copy of the most recent comprehensive plan

Chairman Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Blackburn made the motion and was seconded by Tom Kline. All were in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Joelle Brown  
Planning Board Clerk