

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK 14040**

ZONING BOARD

February 27, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Oles, Dawn Mark  
Ben Kolhagen, Charlie Marble  
Anthony Hackett

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jerry Yoder

The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Everyone present recited the pledge to the flag. Dawn Mark made a motion to elect Jane Oles as chair. Charlie Marble second. All ayes. Jane Oles approved as chair. Jane Oles made a motion to elect Dawn Mark as vice chair. Anthony Hackett second. All ayes. Dawn Mark approved as vice chair. The minutes from the November 28, 2016 meeting were read. Dawn Mark made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ben Kolhagen second. All ayes. The minutes were approved.

United Wind/Rupracht: James Rupracht submitted an application for an area variance to construct a small wind turbine at 2056 Chick Road, Darien, NY, tax map #16.-1-50.1. Jerry Yoder advised the approval of the Planning Board is pending approval of the area variance. Megan Gaffney was present for United Wind. It was discussed the original proposal had a utility line interfering. National Grid has given a verbal they are not interested in moving nor signing off, but there is nothing in writing. The projected life span, maintenance, design and terms of lease were discussed. The applicant has spoken with the neighboring farm land where the encroachment would occur. The Board would like written acknowledgement from the neighbor as they are requesting over a 30% variance. The Board also would like written denial from the power company. The utility required setbacks were discussed. This matter does not meet the threshold for referral to the Genesee County Planning Board. A public hearing was set for March 27, 2017 at 7:35pm.

Dundon: Jennifer Dundon submitted an application for an area variance to construct an echo unit at 11078 Tinkham Rd., Darien, NY, tax map #15.-1-52.11. It was discussed the echo unit will sit slightly forward of the house. It will be built on piers set in with a crane. The contract includes installation and removal of the echo unit. This matter does not meet the threshold for referral to the Genesee County Planning Board. A public hearing was set for March 27, 2017 at 7:55pm.

Verizon Wireless/Darien Lake: Darien Lake PAC submitted an application for a variance to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at 9333 Alleghany Rd., Darien, NY, tax map #7.-1-5-11. Nate Vanderwal was there for Nixon, Peabody along with Josh, an engineer, for Verizon Wireless. It was discussed Verizon Wireless is a public utility licensed and regulated by the FCC. A temporary unit has been installed annually during peak season which the proposed facility would replace. The new antenna would be active the entire year, possibly powered down during the off season. It would be available for emergency services. Anthony Hackett made a motion to forward to County. Charlie Marble second. All ayes. This matter will be forwarded to the Genesee County Planning Board. A public hearing was set for March 27, 2017 at 8:05pm.

Ben Kolhagen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charlie Marble second. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Brooke Finkney  
Secretary