

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES-DRAFT

On April 2, 2026, the regular meeting of the Springfield Planning Board was held at the community center.

Present: Henry Miller, Denis Cimbal, Arlene Druse, Gretchen Sorin, Jeannette Armstrong

Guests: Harry Levine, Martha Oakley, Jean Krause, Violet Ackass, Jim Paksi

Miller called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CIMBAL AND SECONDED BY DRUSE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Miller said that the ice destroyed a dock this winter, since it is one of two it should not be replaced. Permits have been requested for agricultural buildings, a culvert for an Amish family to cross a stream, and for decks. There has been lack of cooperation over the 9E grant, it is thought that the 200-foot no-wake zone needs to be re-established. He discussed the shallow water at the north end of the lake. He said it was full of grass and almost a wetland now. There is not much new on the Manochurian project. We need to keep informed on the permitted rights. Miller presented lists of permitted rights and special use permits, performance criteria, cluster development. We have power for demanding cluster development so that gives us more influence. The planning board may modify applicable provisions of the zoning law, simultaneously with approval of a sub-division plat subject to many conditions. Single family and two-family lots are permitted rights, and townhouses that require special use permits according to our subdivision law. Cluster development gives us more control. Single family and two-family units applications are permitted rights which need ZEO approvals and special use permits applications go to the planning board.

Regarding the solar project, The intent to be Lead Agency was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers, the NYSDEC and Otsego County Planning. All documents are on the town website. According to the agreement, a \$5,000 deposit was sent to the Town Supervisor for the escrow account There will be a decommission agreement with a bond that has a inflationary factor built so that when it becomes time for the removal of the panels, we will have the money to do it. C.T. Mall is the engineer on the project for the project sponsors.

Violet Ackass discussed her project briefly. There will be eleven cabins and hopefully a cultural center and small museum involving the Titanic. The work is progressing satisfactorily.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SORIN AND SECONDED BY CIMBAL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50PM. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Jeannette Armstrong, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary