

**TOWN OF PITTSFORD
ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Pippin, Caroline Kilmer, Ethan Greene, Audrey Clignett, Julie Marcellus, Jerremy Lorch

ABSENT: Steve Heinzelman, Jackie Ebner

OTHERS PRESENT: April Zurowski, Planning Assistant; Anna Piazza, Building Department Assistant; Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Liaison

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 22

Board Member Pippin opened the meeting at 7:04PM.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE: Jerremy Lorch, Board Member

Board Member Lorch discussed the Board's social media posts. He stated there have been a total of 19 posts submitted by four different members, noting that the most recent submission was in July. The Board is continuing to work on an excel sheet of drafted posts for Shelley O'Brien, Town of Pittsford's Communication Director.

TOWN BOARD UPDATES: Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Liaison

Town Board Member Townsend informed the Board that the old quarry pond north of Mendon Ponds Park is now officially named Lake Fairchild. She stated both the Town and the County supported this decision.

Town Board Member Townsend discussed the Town's Zoning Code Update, stating while it has not yet been formally adopted, they have finally come to an agreement on the chicken code. She highlighted how this code update will help support local egg production for families.

Town Board Member Townsend stated that the Town Board is planning to discuss both ground mounted solar and parking regulations at their upcoming meeting. Town Board Member Townsend stated that she will be able to give an update after their meeting.

Board Member Kilmer stated that the last day of the Monroe County Food Scraps Recycling Program is December 13th, 2024. In a survey conducted with residents currently registered with the pilot program, 70% of those who responded reported that they would be willing to pay for residential pickup, as opposed to having to drop it off. She noted that Impact Earth might be an available option for residents if they would like to privately pay, but first asked for comments from the Board. Board Member Greene clarified that they only have one year of data to look at because that is how long the program has been running. April Zurowski, Planning Assistant, stated that Monroe County is in the process of creating a comprehensive report quantifying how much energy was created that will not be published until January. The report will reflect our data, Monroe County Jail, and the Monroe Community Hospital, who also implemented the program. Ms. Zurowski stated that the data obtained is likely an overestimation, highlighting that the totes received are not always completely full and yet the data computes them as if they are. Town Board Member Townsend asked for the Board's takeaway message after reviewing the data provided on the program. Board Member Clignett stated she is unsure if making this a town-wide program would be significant, adding that just the energy used to drive there and back would not make it worth it. Ms. Zurowski and Town Board Member Townsend agreed. Town Board Member Townsend

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stated that if we are creating more greenhouse gasses to continue it, then we are not saving energy and it will not have the intended impact. Board Member Kilmer stated the better option might be to encourage residents to compost at home. Board Member Pippin agreed but noted that the materials acceptable to put into a compost are more limiting than what is allowed in the program, which utilizes anaerobic digestion.

PLANNING BOARD/STAFF UPDATES: April Zurowski, Planning Assistant

Ms. Zurowski introduced Anna Piazza, Building Department Assistant, as the new secretary to the Environmental Board.

Ms. Zurowski stated that Pittsford Oaks had appeared before the Planning Board hoping to get preliminary approval but did not receive it. The Planning Board requested that the Design Review Historic Preservation Board (DRHPB) give their comments regarding Pittsford Oaks. The DRHPB previously asked for significant changes to be implemented, such as an entire story to be removed, and reported that they did not make any of the significant changes. Instead of making the larger scale, "bigger" moves that had been requested, the applicant only made changes to the northeast corner of the proposed building. Pittsford Oaks then appeared before the Planning Board once again hoping to receive preliminary approval, to which they did not receive again. Ms. Zurowski stated that hopefully she will have an update soon.

Ms. Zurowski discussed the Geoca Subdivision with the Board, stating that after working out most of their issues, they are appearing before the Planning Board for final approval. She stated that this is a four-lot subdivision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 10, 2024

Board Member Pippin motioned to approve the minutes of September 10, 2024, as submitted, seconded by Board Member Kilmer. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved. None opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: James Pippin, Board Member

Board Member Pippin adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM.

Respectfully,

Anna Piazza
Building Department Assistant