



## **Town of Mohawk Planning Board Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

### **Member Attendance:**

Planning Board Chair: Patrick Clear

Planning Board Members: Mark Hoffman, Paul Dettenrieder, Cynthia House

\*Excused – Planning Board Member – Michelle Isabella

Code Enforcement Officer: Stan Waddle

Town Attorney (via Zoom): Claudia Braymer

**Public Attendance:** Robert Borofsky

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Board Chair, Patrick Clear.

**Motion to accept the October minutes** was made by Mark Hoffman, seconded by Paul Dettenrieder. All were in favor.

### **Public Comment**

NONE

### **Old Business**

- Updated presentation of multiphase Herkimer Diamond Mine project by Robert Borofsky
  - o Mr. Borofsky provided a detailed review of the project on 156 acres west of Reservoir Road in Fonda. Scope of project for the property potentially includes diamond mine as the first priority, cabins and homes for visiting miners and staff/owners as second priority, water bottling plant, retail/wholesale facility, solar, and hiking. Borofsky stated his goal is to start digging for Herkimer Diamonds in the spring, followed by the construction of cabins to rent. Current zoning for property does not allow for all the uses described. Town Attorney Claudia Braymer offered some potential solutions

to zoning issues. These will require review against the town Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning update- still in review.

### **New Business**

- Proposal for property development by Linda Montgomery  
Looking to put in retreat center for property at 4506 State Highway 5. Phase one to complete construction of existing buildings to be used as AirBnB rentals. Eventual goals to complete community house to host events. Property is located near Borofsky property and presents similar challenges with existing zoning.
  
- Next steps include review comprehensive plan and evaluate the alternatives suggested by the town attorney.

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:23pm made by Mark Hoffman, seconded by Paul Dettenrieder. All were in favor.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 7pm**

Minutes recorded by Cynthia House-Quin