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| Meeting: | Planning Board Meeting |
| Date: | Tuesday, April 2, 2024 |
| Time: | 4:00 p.m. |
| Location: | Council Chambers, City Hall |
| Presiding Officer: | Peter Smith, Chairman |

* **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
* **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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|  | |  | PRESENT | ABSENT / EXCUSED | LATE |
| Peter Smith | | Board Member, Chairman | X |  |  |
| Chandra Cotter | | Board Member | X |  |  |
| Terri Easterly | | Board Member | X |  |  |
| Betsy Camarra | | Board Member | X |  |  |
| Roberta Thomas | | Board Member | X |  |  |
| Michael M. Albanese | | Board Member, City Attorney | X |  |  |
| Christopher J. Vose | Board Member, City Engineer | | X |  |  |
| Bruce Heberer | Fire Chief | |  | X |  |
| Carrie M. Allen | City Clerk | | X |  |  |
| Scott Jeffers | Council Liaison | | X |  |  |

* **APPROVE MINUTES**

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| 1. Meeting – March 5, 2024 | | | | | | |
| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Board Member | Betsy Camarra | Ayes: | 7 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Board Member | Terri Easterly | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | None | | | | | |

* **ITEM #1: DELI MASTER; 14 INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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| Item #1: Deli Master | | Opened: | | 4:01pm |
| Speakers: No Comments |  | |  | |
|  |  | Closed: | | 4:02pm |

[**INVOLVED AGENCIES**](https://cityofjohnstown.ny.gov/uploads/8/3/9/2/83922496/involved_agencies_-_deli_master.pdf)

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| *Action Taken*: Department of Environmental Conservation (correspondence is attached and made part of meeting minutes) |
| DEC expressed concern that portions of NYS regulated wetlands and adjacent areas are in the project area. Disturbances should be more than 100 feet from the wetlands and barriers installed. Project Engineer, Charles Ackerbauer, was given a copy of the correspondence and advised to reach out to DEC. |

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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| Motion: | Board Member | Chris Vose | Ayes: | 7 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Board Member | Chandra Cotter | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | Applicant must obtain any required permits from DEC and provide documentation prior to construction | | | | | |

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**

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| *Action Taken* | | | | | | |
| Motion: | Board Member | Terri Easterly | Ayes: | 7 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Board Member | Roberta Thomas | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |
| Discussion: | None | | | | | |

* **ITEM #2: ZONING & COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES**

**DISCUSSION**

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| Board members discussed the recommendations received by the [Fulton County Planning Board](https://cityofjohnstown.ny.gov/uploads/8/3/9/2/83922496/planning_board_recommendations.pdf), which is attached hereto and made part of the meeting minutes.  The Clerk revised the Comprehensive Plan language which was part of the recommendations.  Although the Council did pass a Moratorium on Solar Farms in 2022, it was not done correctly. Would need County referral.  Attorney recommended a Moratorium to consider options. This has become an issue as well as battery storage. Although the Moratorium passed from 2022. The Board would like to look in to what regulations should be put in place for solar farms and battery storage facilities. The Attorney would recommend a year Moratorium. |

**MOTION**

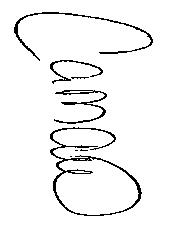
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| *Action Taken*  Authorize Clerk to contact the Fulton County Planning Board:  1. to advise on how to proceed with a one (1) year moratorium regarding Solar Farms and Battery Energy Storage Systems.  2. for assistance in obtaining the correct Census Data to be included in the updated Comprehensive Plan |

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| Motion: | Board Member | Betsy Camarra | Ayes: | 7 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Board Member | Chris Vose | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |

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| *Time*: 4:28pm |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Motion: | Board Member | Chandra Cotter | Ayes: | 7 | Absent: | 0 |
| Seconded: | Board Member | Terri Easterly | Noes: | 0 | Abstain: | 0 |

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie M. Allen, City Clerk