

**Town of Elmira, New York
Planning Board
Meeting – June 3, 2024
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Miles
Members Ron McConnell
Robert Knapp
Mike Kohberger
Nick Kapnolas
William Maloney

ABSENT: Paul DiPietro

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Crandall, Code Enforcement Officer
Scott Moore, Town of Elmira Attorney

Chairman Miles opens the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomes everyone.

Miles asked members if they had read the minutes from the May 6, 2024 meeting and if anyone had additions or corrections, and hearing none, a motion to approve.

MOTION by Ron McConnell to accept the minutes as written.
Seconded by Nick Kapnolas
Ayes: Miles, McConnell, Maloney, Knapp, Kohberger, and Kapnolas
Nays: None

AGENDA ITEM –The Battery Energy Systems Storage Law.

Attorney Moore states that it is very similar to the Solar Law and because this board has already looked at that law this will help with the process. The Battery Energy Systems law is not as extensive. Since we have two proposals for Solar Farms, the board was asked to review this law. The board engaged in some conversations as they reviewed the Battery Energy Systems document. They discussed the differences between Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 2 would have big containers that would house battery cells (the cells are all linked together). Both proposed farms would have a component for energy storage. They also discussed if noise was an issue, the decommission plan (which is reviewed every 5 years), and abandonment after not being used for a year.

Everyone was in agreement with the discussions regarding those items and to recommend the Battery Energy Systems Storage Law as amended.

MOTION by Mike Kohberger to send the Battery Energy Systems Storage Law, as amended by this board, back to the Town Board.
Seconded by William Maloney
Ayes: Miles, McConnell, Maloney, Knapp, Kohberger, and Kapnolas
Nays: None

Chairman Miles asked if there was any new or old business to discuss.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Miles asks for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION by Nick Kapnolas is made to adjourn

Seconded by Robert Knapp

Ayes: Miles, McConnell, Knapp, Kohberger, Kapnolas, and Maloney

Nays: None

The meeting ends at 7:38 pm EST