

**Montgomery County Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**(meeting held in MCBDC, 113 Park Drive, Fultonville)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Hoffman, Chairman  
David Wiener, Vice Chairman  
Irene Collins, Member  
Frank Szykowski, Member  
Peter Lyden, Member  
Wayne DeMallie, Alternate

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alex Kuttesch, Senior Planner  
Karl Gustafson Jr., Grant Assistant  
Andrew Santillo, Staff Assistant

**ABSENT:**

Erin Covey, Member  
Angela Frederick, Member  
Betty Sanders, Alternate  
Frank Maphia, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Joe Santangelo- Arkell Museum

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Hoffman at 6:31 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The roll call of board members was done by Chairman Hoffman.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

Irene Collins made a motion to adopt the agenda, Frank Szykowski seconded. All members present were in favor.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

David Wiener made a motion to accept previous meeting minutes, Irene Collins seconded the motion. The previous minutes were approved.

**V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VI. Town of Amsterdam- Local Law Amendment**

Alex Kuttesch explained that this is an update to their local zoning to include language for battery energy storage. The local law wants to ban utility scale battery storage. Limiting the size to 600 kilowatts.

David Wiener made a motion to approve the referral, Peter Lyden seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

The referral was approved.

**VII. Village of Canajoharie- Site Plan Review**

Alex Kuttesch stated that this referral is for an 18,000 square foot community center in the Village of Canajoharie. Joe Santangelo presented the project to the board. Joe explained that the project will be located to the west of the Arkell Museum on the old Canajoharie high school site. The 18,000 square foot building will contain 14-15,000 square feet of open space with 25' ceiling height. Bigger than the average school gymnasium. The other 3,000 square feet is for office space and rest rooms. The parking lot contains 50 spots and there is no plan for more parking. The center will help enhance the current youth center programs. The facility will welcome any community event to be held there, from birthday partys to weddings to community events.

David Wiener made a motion to approve the referral, seconded by Frank Szykowski. Peter Lyden abstained. Rest of the board were in favor.

The referral was approved.

**VIII. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**IX. Adjournment**

Angela Frederick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m., seconded by Frank Maphia. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karl Gustafson Jr.  
Economic Development Grant Assistant