

Town of Conklin Zoning Board of Appeals – December 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Northwood, Chairman, Elizabeth Einstein
Paul Schofield, Hal Cole, Norm Pritchard

ABSENT: **Attorney, Willie Platt (Town Board Liaison)**

ATTORNEY: **absent**

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Plonski, Secretary
Nick Vascello, Code Enforcement Officer

VISITORS: none

7:00 P.M. Chairman Northwood called the meeting to order

Chairman Northwood explained that there were no cases to be heard tonight and this was not an official meeting but that they were continuing the discussion on Solar Energy and whatever else needed to be reviewed.

Based on the request of the Town Board to lower the Zoning Board from 7 to 5 members, James (Tom) Kelly has submitted his resignation.

Paul Schofield also announced that he would also be resigning as of December 31st.

Chairman Northwood reminded everyone that the attorney would not be attending meetings unless there was a case to be heard. He mentioned he had received a call that Art Boyle would not be attending tonight's meeting. Art had fallen and hurt his foot.

Art asked Bill to ask who would be researching the information on solar energy. Nick said there is a 2018 ICC book of regulations on Solar Energy but that New York State hadn't adopted it at this time. Hal asked what guidelines were used for the solar farm in the Industrial Park. He felt that a committee should be formed to review requirements for the towns zoning and code book. It should include residential, commercial and solar farms.

After a lengthy discussion on home occupation it was decided that the code book is restrictive enough as it is.

Mr. Northwood asked that each member look through the zoning section of the code book and have two or three areas in the code that could be improved or updated at the next zoning board meeting.

Next Zoning Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Chairman Northwood closed the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Plonski – Zoning Board Secretary