

**MINUTES**  
**LEWIS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
**November 15, 2018**

- (1) **Call to Order:** Mrs. Buell called the regular meeting of the Lewis County Planning Board to order at 2:30 PM in Room 327 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at the Lewis County Court House, Lowville, New York. Roll call was requested by Mrs. Buell.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Board Members Present: Ron Burns, Patricia O'Brien, Tim Petersen, Gary Rosiczkowski and Warren Shaw. Staff Present: Casandra Buell, Senior Planner.
- (3) **Reading and Approval of Minutes:** The October 18, 2018 meeting minutes were received and there were no modifications made by the Board members present. Mrs. O'Brien motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Rosiczkowski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- (4) **Correspondence and Communication:** None
- (5) **Report of Officers:** None
- (6) **Report of Special Committees:**

**239-M Review**

Mrs. Buell read the following review to the Board:

**TOWN OF WATSON TOWN BOARD**

Proposed temporary moratorium on the creation or expansion of campgrounds pending review of sanitary health and related regulations along with residential use compatibility.

*Town of Watson – Applicant*

The Town of Watson Town Board is proposing a temporary moratorium on the creation and expansion of campgrounds within the Town of Watson. As mentioned on the submitted referral form, since a moratorium is considered a Type II action, no further SEQR review is required. The temporary term is set for a period of one year from the file date with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

***Recommendation: Approve***

The Board discussed, in depth, the proposed 12-month timeframe. Mr. Rosiczkowski voiced his concern that this was an excessive amount of time for this particular moratorium based on the municipal actions necessary. Mrs. Buell explained that moratoria of 6 months to 1 year have been upheld in court. After further discussion of the benefits of a 6-month moratorium to both the municipality and public, the Board recommended the following action:

***Recommendation: Approve with modification***

It is the Board's belief that a 6-month moratorium on the creation and expansion of campgrounds within the Town of Watson is a reasonable time frame. The County Planning Board recommends that the temporary moratorium be shortened from the proposed 12-month span to 6 months.

Mr. Rosiczkowski made a motion to approve with modification, seconded by Mr. Shaw, which carried unanimously.

(7) **Report of County Planner:**

Response from municipalities regarding previously submitted/reviewed projects:

- Use Variance – Richard Andrews – Town of Turin Zoning Board of Appeals – Denied
- Special Use Permit – Proven Energy System – Town of Martinsburg Planning Board - Approved

(8) **Unfinished Business:** None

(9) **New Business:** None

(10) **Adjournment:** There being no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Petersen, which carried unanimously. Mrs. Buell adjourned the meeting at 2:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Casandra Buell  
Senior Planner