

**VILLAGE OF CENTRAL SQUARE
3125 EAST AVENUE
CENTRAL SQUARE, NY 13036**

**PLANNING BOARD MEETING
July 18, 2024 – 7PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
APPROVED**

The Village of Central Square Planning Board met at the Village Hall on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Chairwoman Maryellen Commisso, Robin Hansen, Sue Welke and Maggie Kirkby. Absent was Matthew Stevens.

Additional attendees include Deputy Mayor Millard “Mudd” Murphy and Marlena Lerch.

Called to Order:

Chairwoman Maryellen Commisso called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and started with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board Members and guests in attendance were signed in.

Planning Board New Business:

Marlena Lerch broached the subject of having a Community Vegetable Garden in Crossroads Park added to the Comprehensive Plan. Ideas included maintaining the garden for lower income residents, donating the extra produce to a food pantry or having a stand at Crossroads Park to sell the produce and put that money back into next year’s crop. Maybe even reach out to businesses to “sponsor a crop” or community fundraising for the initial setup. Marlena would also be interested in teaching classes on how to can vegetables so residents could have vegetables throughout the year. If the community garden “grows”, possibly expand to a community greenhouse for year-round growing. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts could also help in tending to the vegetables.

Chairwoman Commisso would like Marlena to put together a proposal for the Village Board. Ask the Village Board to have the grant writer investigate further for 2025.

Planning Board Old Business:

Motion was made by Maggie Kirkby to accept the June 20th, 2024, Planning Board Meeting minutes. Sue Welke seconded Motion. Chairwoman Commisso, Robin Hansen, Sue Welke and Maggie Kirkby were all in favor. Motion carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Chairwoman Commisso would like to tentatively cancel the August meeting – this is dependent on Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th. Again, if there are no new developments, then Chairwoman Commisso will cancel and re-schedule the meeting for Thursday, September 19th at 7 p.m. All are in favor of the August meeting cancellation if there is no pressing business.

Close Meeting:

Chairwoman Maryellen Commisso adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion made by Sue Welke to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Robin Hansen.

A comprehensive plan workshop would continue after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz,
Planning Board Secretary