



# TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

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## PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, April 4, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Southport Planning Board held at the Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, New York on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Larry Berman  
Jacquelyn French  
John Hastings, Alternate Board Member  
Linda Olthof  
Chris Parsons  
Michael Stephens, Chairman Stephens  
Linda Taft

Board Members Absent: Tim Steed, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Steven Barnstead, Town Attorney  
Peter Rocchi, Code Enforcement Officer  
Michelle Murray, Secretary  
Kathy Szerszen, Deputy Town Supervisor

Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He asked if the Board Members had any comments, questions, concerns or corrections about the March 7, 2016 minutes. Hearing no comments, the Board accepted the minutes as presented.

Next on the agenda was the tabled referral from the Town Board to review the recommendation from the Town Assessor to update the exemption for people over 65 years old with income of \$25,000.00 and under. The modification is to the sliding scale partial tax exemption on real property for persons 65 years of age or over.

Board Member French said that Cathy Edwards the Town Assessor explained the update well and agreed with the change as long as it was not retroactive. Chairman Stephens talked about the income was at \$13,500 and it would be raised to \$17,500. Board Member Parsons said it made sense to do the update. Hearing no other comments from the Board, Chairman Stephens made a recommendation that the Town Board accepts the recommendation from the Town Assessor to update the exemption for people over 65 years old with income of \$25,000.00 and under; Board Member Olthof seconded the recommendation. No further discussion on the motion.

**AYES: Berman, French, Hastings, Olthof, Parsons, Stephens, Taft**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: Steed**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Other business to come before the board was discussion regarding the Annual Regional Leadership Conference that was held at Corning Community College on March 31. A lot of good information was presented and it was a good way to connect with people. Board Member Olthof asked if there was any information on windmills. Attorney Barnstead explained that Town zoning regulates windmills. Form based code and economic development was also discussed.

No other business to come before the Board. Board Member French made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Board Member Taft seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**AYES: Berman, French, Hastings, Olthof, Parsons, Stephens, Taft**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: Steed**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Murray  
Planning Board Secretary

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Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Town Attorney