ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10th, 2026
2nd Floor Conference Room, Human Services Center, 80 State Highway 310, Canton, NY
and on Zoom

I. Call to Order

a. **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**. Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was held; a quorum was established. Rose asked all those present to please introduce themselves, including Board candidate Jim Eames from Stockholm.

	NAME	ABSENT	PRESENT		NAME	ABSENT	PRESENT
1.	Ken Bellor		X		**Staff:**		
2.	Kim Bisonette		X		Jason Pfotenhauer		X
3.	Priscilla Darling		X		Heidi Ames		X
4.	Andy Gilbert, Vice-Chair		X		Sam Joseph		X
5.	SLC Hwy Sup't - vacant				**Guests:**		
6.	Dan Huntley	X			Jim Eames		X
7.	Margaret Mauch		X				
8.	Robin McClellan, Secretary		X				
9.	Brian Murray		X				
10.	Kitty O'Neil		X				
11.	Legislator Alan Robinson		X				
12.	Julia Rose (Chair)		X				
13.	Cherie Shatraw		X				
14.	Andrea Smith		X				
15.	Vacant						
	Total		**12/15**				

b. **Adoption of the Agenda**.

The agenda was unanimously adopted (Gilbert/Shatraw).

c. **Adoption of the August 13th Meeting Minutes.**

The August 13th meeting minutes were modified with a correction made by Smith. The modified minutes were unanimously adopted (Gilbert/McClellan).

II. Public Forum

None

III. Project Reviews

a. **Referrals Returned Pursuant to MOU.**

1. Comments were made about the cell tower in the Town of Waddington and the cannabis indoor grow operation in the Town of Edwards.

b. **Full Reviews.**

1. Potsdam (T): Special Use Permit for a 4.3 MW Solar Array.
   - Staff presented the full review report;
   - Board members asked about wetland impacts, proximity of the array to preferred location identified in the Solar Development Mapping Tool;
   - Recommendations were made that the State should better regulate how colocation of solar and agriculture can occur;
   - Concerns were voiced about the amount of prime land that this array would consume.

   The Board voted to deny the project, with two abstentions (O'Neil/Darling).

2. Waddington (T): Special Use Permit for a 3.0 MW Solar Array.
   - Staff presented the full review report;
   - The Board discussed the solar development mapping tool, and the difference between mineral soil groups and prime farmland and the need to use the guidance from the tool;
   - The decommissioning plan and the idea that the panels should be recycled rather than disposed of was also discussed.

   The Board voted to conditionally approve the project with 1 abstention (Gilbert/McClellan).

IV. Reports

a. **Executive Committee**. Gilbert said the Executive Committee met to set the agenda; discussed projects that were returned for local action; and discussed the full review projects.

b. **Board of Legislators.** Robinson asked if Board members had any questions about the Board of Legislators.

c. **Highway Department**. None.

d. **State of the County Roundtable.** None.

e. **Staff Report.**
   - Joseph spoke about the comprehensive plan in the Village of Norwood; Ames spoke about a Mobile Home replacement application that will be

submitted on September 17th. She also mentioned some of the information found in a mobile home assessment prepared by Santimaw.
- The snowmobile grant and septic repair grant were also mentioned
- Interviews for a new staffer are continuing

V. Other Items

a. **Correspondence.**
- Pfotenhauer said the office received a notice on the Massena humane society in Louisville.

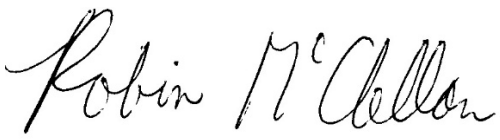
b. **Announcements.**
- The annual Local Government Conference will be on October 13th at SUNY Potsdam, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Trails meeting in Parishville on September 24th.

c. **Next meeting dates.**
- Executive Committee: Thursday, September 24th at 3:30 pm over Zoom.
- Planning Board: Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the HSC, 80 State Highway 310, Canton, NY.

VI. Adjourn

a. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robin McClellan, Secretary

Minutes prepared by J. Pfotenhauer