

## TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday March 8th, 2023

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Hall

**PRESENT:** Bill Leichtnam, Josh McDonald, Gail Kretschmer, Rhonda Carrell, Roger Wilcox, Rob Borski, Brian Hamm, SaraJane Snyder.

**ABSENT:** Nancy Koch, Gordy Wipperfuth

This meeting was officially noticed on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Chairman Carrell called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The goal of the joint session between the Town Board and the Plan Commission was designed to be an informal discussion of economic development for the Town of Saratoga for the long range plan, as well as generating a list of ideas that are acceptable for the town.

The Plan Commission has worked with Graef to help develop the economic development plan; however the Town needs to have discussions to see what we feel would be acceptable in the town. Below you will find a list of some of the ideas shared at the meeting. This does not mean that all these ideas will be set in place for the town. The ideas listed below were submitted on a vision board that was in the administrative building for public feedback, additional ideas were shared at the meeting tonight.

Ideas include, but are not limited to:

Water preservation, preservation of rural boundaries, small grocers, boutiques, housing, a town center, factories, a green subdivision, designation of minimum lot sizes, leave Saratoga as it currently is, places to hunt, eat, fish, boat launches, affordable housing for the aging population, transportation for seniors, ski, bike, snowshoe trails, hemp factory, wool store.

Questions that need to be considered as part of the process would how much economic development is enough? What is our long-range plan for the town? What do we want to see or be willing to allow 30 years down the road.

Motion (Leichtnam/McDonald) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk