

# Town of Cambria Planning Board Meeting Minutes

## January 23, 2023

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### Call to order

A meeting of the Town of Cambria Planning Board was held at **6:00 pm** on **January 23, 2023**. Chairman, Amacher welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Attendees included:

William J. Amacher, Chairman  
Roger Schreader, Vice Chairman  
Michael Sieczkowski, Member  
Gerald Kroening, Member  
Garret Meal, Member  
Chad Brachmann, Alternate  
Gary Billingsley, Attorney  
James McCann, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement  
Krista Brocious, Clerk Planning /Zoning Board

Members not in attendance included: Matthew Cooper, Deputy Building Inspector/Code Enforcement, and Town Board Liaison Ben Musall.

Chairman Amacher introduced and welcomed Mr. Chad Brachmann as the new Alternate for the Planning Board. Chairman Amacher then asked for a motion to reappoint Roger Schreader as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board.

### Motion

A motion to approve the reappointment of Roger Schreader as Vice Chairman was made by Mr. Kroening and seconded by Mr. Meal.

### Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022, was made by Mr. Sieczkowski and seconded by Mr. Schreader, all in favor, so carried.

**RONDEAU, William**  
**4794 Lower Mt. Rd., Sanborn**  
***Site Plan Windmill/Turbine***

**PSP-2023-001**  
**SBL#93.00-2-38.21**

Mr. Tim Arlington from Apex Consulting and Mr. William Rondeau were present. Mr. Arlington explained that the wind turbine will be located adjacent to the small parking area in front of the building. It will be several hundred feet back from the street and safely away from anything providing the required fall zone of at least 100 ft. as the turbine itself is 65ft. The

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turbine is going to be strictly for powering the agribusiness and will not connect to the grid. Mr. Rondeau is purchasing rather than leasing the turbine. He explained that it runs at 38 decibels making it quieter than a home dishwasher. The equipment to run the turbine will be housed in a shipping container and protected; an electrician will do the wiring. There will be a shut-off on the outside. It has automatic breaking after 165 mph.

The turbine will have a lithium-ion battery that meets the standards required by New York State. The building department will notify the surrounding fire departments and provide a schematic when the turbine is installed. Mr. Rondeau plans to purchase a backup generator in the future. He hopes to start the installation this year but it may be in 2024 depending on cost.

### Motion

A motion for negative SEQR was made by Mr. Kroening and seconded by Mr. Meal, all in favor, so carried.

A motion to approve with the following conditions was made by Mr. Meal and seconded by Mr. Schreader, all in favor, so carried.

- The system shall comply with Local Law # 1 of 2009 Regulating Wind Energy Systems in the Town of Cambria
- The system shall be removed when no longer in use

### Reports

Mr. McCann explained that there was a rezoning originally on the agenda. There were some questions raised by the Town Board so it was pulled from the agenda for this month. Mr. McCann will be speaking with the board regarding this and how it would fix an error from several years ago. It will likely be on the agenda for next month. Further discussion ensued.

### Announcements

Chairman Amacher stated that the next meeting will be on February 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kroening and seconded by Mr. Sieczkowski, all in favor, so carried.

Approved

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Krista Brocious

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Building Inspector Clerk