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Town of Shandaken Planning Board

Minutes for Workshop Meeting February 25, 2026

The workshop was called to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Called, and attendance recorded as follows:

Cliff Rabuffo, Chair	Present
Joanne Kalb	Present
Sam Spata	Present
Vivian Welton	Present
Juan Rosales	Present
Chandra Valianti	Absent
Tania Stapleton	Present
Matt Frisch, Alt	Present

Quorum of six (6) members present.

Communications

The Board is in receipt of an email from Hilary Smith expressing concerns regarding what she believes were procedural errors during the Planning Board's review of the Dark Sky Hospitality application, specifically the approval of the Site Plan during sketch plan conference. Ms. Smith also expressed concerns that the workshop meetings are not uploaded to YouTube and that agendas and minutes are not made available to the public in advance of meetings.

The Board discussed these concerns. Beginning this month, agendas and minutes will be made available to the public, and meetings will be uploaded to YouTube going forward.

Following discussion regarding Dark Sky Hospitalities review, the Board determined that they acted within their rights in approving the Site Plan during the Sketch Plan Conference.

New Business

A resident had been scheduled to discuss the possibility of operating a seasonal yard sale on their property; however, the resident was not in attendance.

The Board did discuss Yard Sales generally and considered advising the Comprehensive Plan Committee that clarification or provisions may be warranted when the Town begins its Zoning review following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

Other Business

The Planning Board went into executive session at 7:25 to hold an interview for the open Planning Board position.

The meeting was reopened at 7:40.

A motion was made by Board member Spata to recommend Phil Mones for appointment as a member of the Planning Board, and to retain Matt Frisch as an Alternate. Seconded by Board Member Kalb; all in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Spata, seconded by Board Member Welton; all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50