

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00  
P.M.**

Chairman Belden called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mark Belden  
Valerie Ingersoll  
Donald Sanders, Jr.  
Dolores Cogan  
Max Fruchter

**ABSENT:** Zachary Middleton  
Joe McMurray

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Dolores Cogan, Seconded by Max Fruchter to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2023 **ALL AYES**

**BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing  
Thomas Lopez  
174 North River Rd.  
Boundary Line Adjustment**

- **No applicant representation**

Chairman Belden opened the public hearing at 7:08pm

The following notice was published in The Post Star on April 5, 2023:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Town of Fort Edward Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Town Hall, 118 Broadway Fort Edward, NY 12828 at 7:05pm to hear comments regarding the Boundary Line Adjustment application of Thomas Lopez and Marika Contompasis located at 174 North River Rd. in the Town of Fort Edward. The granting parcel is 22.87 acres and the proposal is to convey 5.09 acres to the adjoining landowner making the original parcel 17.78 acres in size and the receiving parcel 10.31 acres. At the public hearing anyone who wishes to comment will be heard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Chairman Belden read the following email from Town Engineer Chris Koenig regarding the project:**

The Board is free to conduct the public hearing, but I would recommend that the Board stop short of approval without the Applicant submitting the executed BLA agreement between both landowners. An approval conditional upon this submission to our satisfaction would be fine to avoid another meeting for this project.

As a refresh: The project is a Type 2 Action under SEQRA (determined last meeting, complete), and no County review is required for the Type 2 action.

**MOTION** by Max Fruchter, Seconded by Valerie Ingersoll to close the public hearing at 7:10pm  
**ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Max Fruchter, Seconded by Dolores Cogan to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment contingent on Attorney review of the Boundary Line Agreement and payment of fees **ALL AYES**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Chairman Belden:** Valerie and I received an email from Marissa Jordan from a behavioral science company (Evidn) working with The Nature Conservancy on a NYSERDA funded project that aims to support New York's communities to engage with local solar developments. They are asking to discuss the Dolan and Somers Solar projects with the Board. I do not feel comfortable doing that and feel that it puts the Town in a bad spot. If she or her company would like to come to a meeting when they are on the agenda they are more than welcome.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Max Fruchter, Seconded by Dolores Cogan to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm  
**ALL AYES**

Dated: April 13, 2023

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Aimee Mahoney, Clerk