The Town of Deerpark Planning Board met for a BIMONTHLY MEETING on WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026. The Meeting was held at Town Hall 420 Route 209.

The following were present at the meeting:
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Robert Vicaretti-Chairman
Craig Wagner-Vice- Chairman
Theresa Santiago
Patrick Kean

MEMBER NOT PRESENT: Willard Schadt

OTHERS PRESENT:
Glen Plotsky-Town Attorney
Todd Maurizzo-Representative for Fusco Engineering
Amanda Schultz-Secretary
Alan Schock-Town Councilman
Rob Whitney-Town Councilman
Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was brought to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman.

LAKE MCALLISTER – BIG POND RD – DAM REMOVAL – PUBLIC HEARING -
Geff Goll – Representative for Applicant
Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Craig Wagner to open the public hearing for Lake McAllister Dam Removal.
Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Patrick Kean, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Goll gave a brief description of the application, this dam was used for the old YMCA camp for swimming and recreational purposes in the 60's. It has recently been classified as a hazard and if it were to fail there would be significant property damage down stream. He went on the say that it is too expensive to update the dam so they will be decommissioning it. To do that they will be pumping down the lake and relocating the fish. The timing for this is slated for the Spring on 2027. Town Attorney acknowledged that the removal of the dam is to prevent a flood if it were to fail. Mr. Goll continued that it will be pumped down 1-2 feet per day to keep the slopes stable and mitigate any impacts down stream. Once the dam is removed vegetation will be restored over time and there will be an increase in habitat, this is just to eliminate a liability on the property.

Public Comment:

Burt Thelander- Mr. Thelander asked if the DEC will be inspecting, Mr. Goll replied yes along with the Town Engineer. Mr. Thelander continued that the DEC inspections are very important and he is happy that the habitat will be restored.

Grace Woodard-Ms. Woodard asked what the dam classification was, Mr. Goll answered class B, which is a significant hazard. Ms. Woodard further asked how there will not be any flooding by removing the dam and if it would go to the Neversink River, Mr. Goll replied yes it will go to the Neversink via Route 209 and computer models show that it will go up a fraction of an inch.

Chair acknowledged that there is no need to hold open for written comment.
Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd by Craig Wagner to close the public hearing for Lake McAllister Dam Removal.
Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Patrick Kean, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Craig Wagner, 2nd by Theresa Santiago to declare a negative declaration for SEQRA purposes.
Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Patrick Kean, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve minutes from June 24, 2026 Meeting.
Motion made by Craig Wagner, 2nd by Theresa Santiago to approve June 10, 2026 Meeting minutes.
Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Patrick Kean, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING
Motion made by Theresa Santiago, 2nd Craig Wagner to adjourn July 8, 2026 Planning Board meeting at 7:30pm.
Vote 4 Ayes: Theresa Santiago, Craig Wagner, Patrick Kean, Robert Vicaretti.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,
Amanda Schultz, Planning Board Clerk