

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
*MAY 14, 2024*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7pm

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Brian Mahoney, Mark Fisher, Fred Ivers, Vicki Ray, Brian Bresette, Erin Putvin

Absent: Michael Tarr

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Vicki Ray

Motion carried: 6-0

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 4-9-24 meeting as amended for typos.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Vicki Ray

Motion carried: 6-0

**VI. REPORTS**

A. Zoning Administrator: Jason McCarthy (absent)

Report Attached

B. Township Board Representative: Brian Bresette

1. Lisa Hansen, the current township clerk, asked to hire an election assistant through November. Board gave the go ahead.
2. Johnson Road bridge is expected to be finished by September.
3. Chris Haydon is the new township sexton.
4. Dumpster Roll-off is scheduled for September 13-14

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comment was received from: Jamie on Section Five Road attended with an update on a private campground on Section Five/Lake Superior Point Trail. This person was

originally given a Cease and Desist in August 2020 by Mike Tietjan and Terry Pihlainen. His contact information is:

Ross Woller  
8 Mitchell Circle SE  
Rome, GA 60161

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. CUPPAD Chapter 12 review**

1. Dotty reviewed Chapter 12 of the Master Plan.
2. 32% of Onota Township is Commercial Forest Program land. This land is taxed at \$1.35/acre from 2022-2026. There was further discussion on reconfiguring the tax rate of this land in the event it is sold for commercial energy production in the future.
3. We discussed including both a decommissioning and repowering plan designed to be revisited every 3-5 years. This plan is directed at solar energy. We may want to revisit the decommissioning plans for cell and wind towers as well.
4. Public Hearing for the Master Plan will fall on August 13, 2024. Dotty will call the Clerk and post in the newspapers.
5. Vicki Ray motioned that the Planning Commission submit the Master Plan to the Onota Township Board. Mark Fisher supported the motion. Motion carried: 6-0

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm

Motion: Brian Bresette  
Support: Mark Fisher  
Motion carried: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Putvin  
Planning Commission Secretary