Town of Watertown Plan Commission
August 11, 2026

1. Attendance: A. Robetsr, J. McManama, T. Strobel, B. Parsons. Excused: D. Ludwig
2. A. Roberts moved to accept the July Minutes as printed, with B. Parsons seconding the motion. Motion passed.
3. A. Roberts made the motion to accept the July 13 minutes. T. Strobel gave the second to the motion. Motion approved.
4. The first request was for David Sloan for rezoning on River Road. Due to his absence, A. Roberts moved to table the request. B. Parsons second the motion to table the Sloan request. Motion carried.
5. Nathan Belden a variance for property at N8161 CTH Y. He explained his request and replied to questions and concerns asked. Discussion center around other locations that could be used for his project. A. Roberts felt there were other options for building locations, trying not to use prime ag land the least possible, such as in a less productive field. The motion made by A. Roberts to deny the request at this time and was seconded by T. Strobel. The motion passed.
6. Robert Schuett would like to split off a one-acre parcel thus requiring a rezoning. The house that was on the property has been removed and would be replaced. The home would be on A-1 property. During discussion it was asked about moving the present driveway. A concern about outside storage such as vehicles, was addressed. They would be moved into the shed that would be built, along with other personal property. Another a concern, was skid like marks etc. on the roadway and to look into other options to reduce traffic flow. B. Parsons spoke of planting trees as a barrier, rather than a berm. He suggested that machinery, and other large items, be placed further back on the property, rather than near the roadway. A. Roberts moved to approve the 1-acre request with the stipulation to move the driveway off Granite Lane and remove the other driveway, and to plant trees for a barrier. T. Strobel gave the second to the motion. Motion passed.
7. Jacob Wegner asked for a rezone of 10.22 acres from R-2 to A-2. for W3285 CTH CW. He was asked what kind of buffer could be made, perhaps a berm. He was asked regarding future development. Additional buildings could be built eventually. Gordon Christian questioned property to the East pertaining to future development. He is concerned about “noise”. Consideration should be made of neighboring properties and try to reduce the noise. A. Roberts moved to allow the Wegner request with a time frame of 6am.-8pm. J. McManama seconded the motion. Motion approved.

8. Duane Strauss along with Julie Gerrits (OneEnergy) asked for a conditional use for solar. She went through a slide presentation and highlighted various areas. The slides were also printed out to follow. OneEnergy is focusing on smaller projects. Maps were used to show the affected area. She addressed questions asked such as the life span being 30-50 years with a 10-year extension. After this it is reassessed. Judy Tremaine asked about work time, which usually is 7am. to 7pm. Another concern was “vibration” occurrence. It was stated that it hasn’t been a problem. Pilings are pounded 10 feet in the ground. Bryn Hanson stated he was in support of “solar”. He has looked into it and One Energy is a knowledgeable company and considerate of residents, A. Roberts made a motion to grant the request for Duane Strauss on Highland Road. J. Mcmanama seconded the motion for the Strauss’ to proceed with “Solar”. Motion carried. David Sloan arrived, and was told his request was tabled and would be placed on the September 14 agenda.
9. There were no further questions.
10. The above approved or denied requests will be conveyed to the Town Board.
11. David Sloan rezoning on River Road.
12. Next meeting will be September 14, 6:00pm.
13. A. Roberts made the motion to adjourn, with J. McManama seconding the

Respectfully Submitted,
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Recording Secretary