

**Village of Pittsford**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**Special Meeting – September 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson:	Remegia Mitchell
Members:	Sally Chamberlin
	Lili Lanphear
	Meg Rubiano
	George Wallace
Attorney:	John Osborn
Building Inspector:	Edward Bailey (absent)
Recording Secretary:	Sally Chamberlin

Chairperson Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:19 P.M.

**Planning Board**

**Roger Powers ~ Site Plan**

**Present:** Roger and Betsy Powers, Ned Powers  
Ron Morgan, Pittsford Farms Dairy

**Discussion:** Chairperson Mitchell stated that this is a continuation of an open public hearing for site plan approval for installation of utility poles to serve the concrete building and storage sheds on the Powers family farm. Mr. Powers stated that three of the poles were installed prior to his application for site plan approval, and he is requesting approval for installation of a total of five poles. He also stated that the current electrical service is inadequate to serve the existing building where machinery repairs and other farm-related activities are conducted.

Mr. Morgan represented Pittsford Farms Dairy. He submitted a letter stating that the utility poles, as they have been installed, are objectionable because they adversely affect the historic character of the dairy property by compromising the integrity of a key historic viewshed. The letter lists alternative solutions, including relocating the poles or burying the electric lines underground.

Chairperson Mitchell pointed out that both the Powers Farm and the Corby Dairy are agricultural properties. She stated that one issue to be considered is whether the installation of the utility poles will negatively alter the character of the agricultural area. Also discussed was whether this application should be referred to the APRB for consideration of the poles as a “structure”. Chairperson Mitchell indicated that the Planning Board would request the Building Inspector to review this question of “structure” and make a determination about referring this matter to the APRB.

**Motion:** Member Rubiano made a motion, seconded by Member Chamberlin, to approve the application for site plan approval for installation of utility poles, as submitted.

**Vote:** Chamberlin – yes; Mitchell – yes; Rubiano – yes; Wallace - yes. ***Motion carried.*** The decision was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on September 2, 2009.

**Findings of Fact:**

1. The utility poles are installed on agricultural property.
2. The utility poles are appropriate for this agricultural use.
3. The installation of the utility poles is needed to provide electricity to the farm.
4. The character of the neighborhood will not be altered by the installation of utility poles.
5. The proposal will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions of the neighborhood or district.
6. The use of the adjoining property to the West is agricultural, and therefore, this agricultural use on this agricultural parcel, together with proposed placement of the poles, is appropriate.
7. The scale of this agricultural use is appropriate for this parcel and the adjoining parcel to the West.
8. Use of the adjoining property to the West is agricultural. Therefore, no screening is appropriate or necessary.

**Member Items:**

- ✧ The Planning Board recommends that the Board of Trustees notify surrounding neighbors when the public hearing for the Special Permit applications at 75 Monroe Avenue is on their agenda.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chairperson Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by Sally Chamberlin.