

**TOWN OF AMENIA  
PLANNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007**

PRESENT: Chairman George Fenn  
Tony Robustelli  
William Flood  
Jay Dedrick  
Nina Peek  
Gina Mignola

Dr. Michael Klemens  
Ted Fink

ABSENT: James Walsh

Chairman Fenn opened the special meeting at 7:00 P.M.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**RANDALL'S ROAD** - William Flood brought forth the plan to expand the envelope on lot #1 at the Randall's Road Project.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ALTERATIONS OF THE BUILDING ENVELOPE ON LOT #1 OF THE RANDALL'S ROAD PROJECT was made by Jay Dedrick, seconded by Tony Robustelli.

VOTE TAKEN – ALL IN FAVOR

Since there was no need for a Public Hearing on this matter Chairman Fenn signed the mylar.

**SPECIAL MEETING:**

**SILO RIDGE - DEIS** – Dan Leary, Attorney for the project went over what has been done for the past few weeks. There was a site visit 02/06/07; additional habitat assessment 02/13/07; they will conduct a Phase I Bog Turtle study for the spring of 2007; a conference call with representatives George Fenn, Ted Fink and Nina Peek; and to go over the comments from the memo of 02/15/07.

Melissa Mascali from Chazen brought one (1) complete copy of the DEIS to the Board and will have another three (3) copies delivered tomorrow, Friday, February 16, 2007. She then went over the revisions. Ms. Mascali started first with the Habitat Assessment Report and its methodology and how it followed the Hudsonia outline. The biologists at Chazen felt they had met these guidelines. They outlined how much time was spent in the field, how many people were in the field, how the analysis was done, how the guidelines were followed, what their qualifications were, etc. Dr. Klemens interjected he thought a decision was made to remove all references to the Hudsonia manual in the DEIS. Ms. Mascali responded that since it was also in the scoping document, Chazen felt that these guidelines had been met and the reference should remain. Dr. Klemens felt that this should be deferred to Hudsonia for their comments. He has spoken to Erik Kiviat of Hudsonia and Mr. Kiviat is willing to look at the document to see if it complies with their methodology. Hudsonia

will be hired as a consultant for the Planning Board and Dr. Klemens will do a letter to Hudsonia for the Board over the weekend. He will select the part of the DEIS they need to review at that time to see if the guidelines have been met. This will be limited to the wildlife survey, the vegetation survey, and appendix 9.7 as well as Chazen's letter of February 12, 2007. (copy in file) This will give Hudsonia a comparison

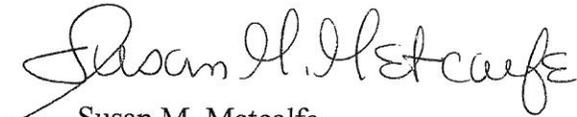
MOTION FOR THE APPLICANT TO REFER THE BIOLOGICAL STUDY TO HUDSONIA TO DETERMINE IF THEIR METHODOLOGY IS CORRECT was made by George Fenn, seconded by William Flood.

Ms. Mascali then referred to Chazen's letter of February 13, 2007. (copy in file) Since their biologist was not present, she asked if there were any questions on their response to this letter. Dr. Klemens had only two comments on this letter. The first paragraph spoke of vast areas of forest within the Town. This has nothing to do with clearing 44 acres. On page 6, Dr. Klemens was not questioning the Chazen staff's qualifications; he merely felt the qualifications needed to be included. Most of the issues that were raised have been cleared up by the site visit.

Ms. Mascali then went over Chazen's letter of February 15, 2007 and their response to the comments from Ted Fink, Mike Soyka, and Nina Peek in their respective memos. (copy in file)

Ted Fink will review the DEIS presented tonight. Silo Ridge/Higher Ground will be on the agenda for the February 22, 2007 special workshop meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan M. Metcalfe  
Planning Board Secretary

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Planning Board from a Special Meeting held on February 15, 2007 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

Approved as read 3/1/07  
 Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions