



TOWN OF AMENIA

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Planning Board Meeting Minutes November 6, 2014

Present:

Norm Fontaine-Chairman
Peter Clair
Anthony Robustelli
Nathan Roy
Bill Kroeger
Erich McEnroe
John Stefanopoulos

Consultants:

David Everett- Town attorney
Julie Mangarillo- Town engineer

Begin: 7pm

Continuation of Tamarack public hearing

Rich Renna the engineer for Tamarack Preserve represented the applicant. Mr. Renna stated that the items that were circulated to different agencies responded with no changes recommended to the project and the Town of Amenia planning board is undisputed for Lead Agency. Chairman Fontaine addressed the audience for public comment. None were given.

Motion to close the public hearing-2nd- all in favor

The Planning Board read in and answered Part 2 of the Full EAF for Tamarack Preserve. Secretary Larissa DeLango read in the resolution declaring Lead Agency and adopting Negative Declaration under SEQRA for Tamarack Preserve-cabins and also read in the resolution approving amended SUP and site plan relating to Tamarack Preserve-cabins.

Chairman Fontaine asked for confirmation from the board that during the site visit there was no discussions regarding the project. The majority of the board understood the boundaries regarding discussions during the site visit. Board member Bill Kroeger stated that he was unclear and he

tried not to say anything. Chairman Fontaine reiterated what was discussed at the last meeting what boundaries were supposed to be upheld stating again that direction of the project and/or decision making is not allowed.

Chairman Fontaine reviewed the consensus between the planning board and Silo Ridge regarding various issues in which direction was requested in more of the critical areas that were mentioned in the consultants memos.

-The wastewater treatment plant location- It has been agreed upon that the wastewater treatment plant will be relocated to the southern portion, next to the maintenance building. Chairman Fontaine stated that this was not a determination but direction of how planning board would like to proceed.

-Delavargne Hill view shed- Chairman Fontaine discussed the options of Silo removing all trees and shrubs for the beginning of their property of Delavargne hill down to the beginning of the pine tree planting. Silo is looking to continue planting trees at the very bottom of Delavargne hill which is not considered part of the view shed.

-Impacts on steep slopes and view shed regarding the estate homes-Identification of the estate homes by the erection of white tarps that will represent the highest elevation. There will be no disturbance of trees. Attorney Everett stated that notice should be published with the date and time for the public. Notice will be placed by Secretary L. DeLango in required paper, town website and local channel. It was stated that this is not a legal requirement for Silo Ridge. Parking at Silo Ridge offices will be offered for the viewing weekend only. Tarps will be up for 10 days beginning from viewing date.

Amanda DeCesare and Jason Chong from VHB gave a presentation of the SWPPP report. A copy of this presentation can be found on the Town of Amenia's website.

Questions were taken from the audience:

Question:

Identification of where in the SWPPP the RRv- green infrastructure standard practices are located on plans. It was stated that it is not on SWPPP

Answer:

In the SWPPP the project is meeting the minimal required RRv by 4X. The project is still moving. The items on the green infrastructure slide are reflected in the plans. Green infrastructure will be required by the planning board but it does not need to be in the SWPPP. Julie Mangarillo referred back to the slide. She commented that these practices are not required by the DEC.

Question:

Do you think that that the storm water manual recommended green infrastructure practices requirements and recommendations are met by this SWPPP? Julie Mangarillo answered yes.

Question:

What are the buffers in linear feet?

Answer:

Minimum is 30ft and there is also a 50ft and a 100ft buffers.

How do the buffers work?

They clean and filter the water and slow it down. They help reduce pollution. A buffer management plan was created for this project to protect the waters that discharge to the Amenia cascade creek. Mr. Torres and Ms. DeCesare addressed the buffers on the property by reviewing what the requirements from DEC, planning board, and consultants.

Mr. Torres stated that the Audubon will be available to hold a presentation for the planning board on Dec. 18th.

Question:

Further explanation was requested regarding Julie Mangarillo's comment on the fill near the entrance for planting trees and her concerns about the steep slopes.

Answer:

Area around the main entrance is in the floodplain. The plans reflect tree planting that will require filling. Silo will provide additional flood storage volume in the ponds at entrance.

Question:

Are there enough bio retention areas to give protection for a 100yr flood?

Answer:

The green practices are not meant to help with the 100yr flood. They are meant for water quality volume. Silo adheres to the East of Hudson standards. The smaller storms are the bigger pollutants not the 100yr storms. The large storms will be taken care of by the bigger ponds.

Question:

The revised MDP shows the wastewater treatment plant output going into the Amenia Cascade brook. Is that true?

Answer:

No- that will no longer happen.

Question:

Where will it go?

Answer:

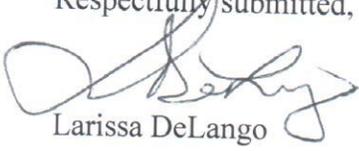
The DEC will review that and they will look into another discharge point. Water will be treated to drinking water standards.

Motion to approve 10/16/14 minutes. 2nd - all in favor

Motion to close the meeting 2nd -all in favor

Meeting closed 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa DeLango

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Planning Board from a meeting held on 11/6/14 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

approved as read

approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions.