

Planning Board Minutes
2/25/15

Present:

Norm Fontaine-Chairman
Tony Robustelli
Nathan Roy
Bill Kroeger
John Stefanopoulos

Consultants:

David Everett- Town Attorney
MaryAnn Johnson-Planner
Dr. Michael Klemens

Amenia Fish and Game

John Belyea from Rennia Engineering and Design presented for Amenia Fish and Game. He discussed the proposal for an underground firing range to replace the above ground firing range that is existing on the property. Concrete pipes will be used and will assist in mitigating any sound and will add a factor of safety. The project will not increase the population of members. A vent system is located at each firing station that will allow the exhaust into the atmosphere. A backstop system will be in place to catch the bullets. Rennia Engineering is proposing this as a minor project. This is not creating a new or accessory use. Chairman Fontaine identified that the Town Engineer distributed her review comments late in the day. Chairman Fontaine stated that Julie Mangarillo, Town Engineer is classifying this as a major project. Mr. Rich Rennia stated that there is a disagreement between the major and minor status of this project. This will be further discussed with the Town Engineer. Chairman Fontaine would like the board to take a further look into what the comments from the Town Engineer state.

Questions commenced from the board:

Will the soil be tested for lead?

There will be no disturbance of the current range.

Soil will be staying on site. At this time there will not be any testing of soil.

Will this transform it to an all year around use?

This will be an all year around use. The club at the moment can be used during all seasons.

Will there be lighting inside?

The range will be subterranean so that lighting will be necessary during all usage.

A live fire ballistic bullet block will also be used for catching bullets.

Attorney Everett asked if the NRA have any guidelines on indoor shooting ranges?

Mr. Belyea did not have the answer, but will research for that information.

The buildings will remain as is, with only one being demolished and replaced with a smaller square footage structure. The vents are located within 15-20 ft. within the firing area.

Amenia Drive In

John Stefanopoulos recused himself from the board and presented for the Amenia Drive In. He reviewed the application and what the process has been thus far. The ZBA has granted the Amenia Drive In variances for their signage.

Chairman Fontaine stated that the current site plan needs to be amended. The Town Engineer noted that the approved site plan and the amended site plan did not reflect each other. The plans are in the process of being redone. The Amenia Drive In needs a permanent C/O. The signs are now all on a site plan and need to be placed in their correct locations. The Planning Board needs to grant approvals for 2 separate items that require sign bonuses. Chairman Fontaine requested that all outstanding items be submitted as a whole. The resolutions that were passed through the ZBA will be sent to the Planning Board. The county will be sent the referral when application is completely submitted. Mr. Stefanopoulos will resubmit the items that Julie has requested on her comments. The board will review the now showing sign for the next meeting.

An ethical question was introduced. It was further explained by Attorney Everett that he did not see a problem with a board member recusing himself and petitioning the local government as a property owner.

Silo Ridge

Pedro Torres represented Silo Ridge. He informed the board that the latest submittals have been released. The online address is siloridgeseqra.com. Some of the outstanding items are the change request protocol and the finalization of the bonding documents. Chairman Fontaine reviewed with the board the final steps of the change protocol process. There are still some processes that have not yet been

agreed upon with the consultants. Chairman Fontaine also informed the board that a procedure will be discussed with the consultants on how the submittals will be reviewed with specific breakdowns. Mr. Torres would like to avoid duplication of comments. A tentative time frame of a month was given. A date for the continued public hearing will be announced when the application is deemed complete.

Motion to close the meeting 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa DeLango

approved as read.

Approved with deletions, additions, corrections.