



TOWN OF AMENIA

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016 TOWN BOARD MEETING ROOM

PRESENT: Jeff Barnett-Winsby
J. Terry Metcalfe
Kevin Cassone
David Everett, Attorney

ABSENT: Paula Pelosi
David Menegat

MOTION TO OPEN THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING was made by Terry Metcalfe, seconded by Kevin Cassone

AMENIA FISH & GAME CLUB

PLANNING BOARD REFERRAL

Charles Taft of Rennia Engineering Design spoke to the Board stating he was here representing the Amenia Fish and Game Club Underground Firing Range. He stated that he was before the ZBA since this was a major project and the Planning Board had referred for comments. He then explained where the underground firing range would be located and what the size would be. There will be a three lane underground 100 yard shooting range. The building size is 4800 square feet and will consist of an underground concrete tube. There will be 2 small buildings that will hold the trap and the shooting booths at each end which will be about 2 feet above ground. They will be painted to blend into the surrounding landscape and will have asphalt shingles. Since most of the tube is underground it will not be very visible from Route 22.

The entrance to the Club will be landscaped with trees, fence and gate. Chairman Barnett-Winsby asked how different is the sound. Mr. Taft stated significant. This can become a year round shooting range. The entrance and parking will remain the same. A high powered rifle can be shot in the tube. The present site will be switched to archery. There will be no above ground shooting.

Chairman Barnett-Winsby asked how will this be enforced? The Planning Board will be making a condition on its Site Plan Approval that will not permit shooting above ground. Tony Cutolo stated that the Club is entertaining opening up the shooting range one night a week for public use for a club fundraiser. Mr. Everett asked if they were a not for profit club and still paying taxes? Mr. Cutolo stated yes they were. Terry Metcalfe asked if they were still going to hold turkey shoots? Mr. Cutolo stated no they can't be held in the tunnel. Chair stated this is for this project only and does not apply to any other club in the area.

Kevin Cassone felt this was positive for the town. Chair asked if anyone in the audience had any comments. Mr. Cutolo stated back when the club dropped the Article 78, it was stated they would be able to break ground by April and here it is August and nothing has been done. Chair asked the Board if there were any concerns or comments and there were none.

Dave Everett continued now the ZBA needed to send any comments or concerns to the Planning Board as their decision could come as early as next week after the Planning Board Public Hearing.

MOTION FOR MRS. METCALFE TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE PLANNING BOARD REGARDING THE AMENIA FISH AND GAME CLUB UNDERGROUND SHOOTING RANGE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FULL SUPPORT OF THE ZBA was made by Kevin Cassone, seconded by Terry Metcalfe

VOTE TAKEN - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kevin Cassone asked if they are still using the shooting range now until the construction of the homes within 500 feet is started. Mr. Cutolo stated technically because the club is a shooting range the club is exempt.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2016 WITH ONE MINOR CHANGE was made by Terry Metcalfe, Seconded by Jeff Barnett-Winsby

VOTE TAKEN - MOTTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING AT 7:26 P.M. was made by Terry Metcalfe, seconded by Kevin Cassone

VOTE TAKEN - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted

Susan M. Metcalfe
ZBA Secretary

The foregoing represent unapproved minutes from the Town of Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on August 15, 2016 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

_____ Approved as read
_____ Approved with: deletions, corrections or additions