

Planning Board Minutes

March 31, 2016

Members in attendance: Chairman Steve Reynolds, Keri Abela, Margaret della Cioppa, Joyce Crawford, Rao Gadipatti and George Sharpe.

Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Town Engineer Fred Mastroianni and Town Planner Ted Fink are also in attendance.

Primax/Dollar General returns represented by Attorney Jacob Lamme, Engineer Lawrence Marshall , and environmental consultant, Mr. Mike Ericson.

Meeting is opened by Chairman Reynolds at 7:00 p.m. Minutes are reviewed and on a motion by Keri and seconded by Rao are accepted as written with all in favor and none opposed.

This meeting was to begin the process of reviewing Part 2 – Full EAF and possible vote for a declaration of significance in terms of environmental impact. Mr. Fink reviewed the NY SEQRA Process for Municipal Boards. The board began the process of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 2- Identification of Potential Impacts, pages 1-10 questions 1-18. It was determined that more time was needed for the board to arrive at a determination of significance. A decision was made to postpone the vote on making this determination until the next meeting.

Attorney Rappleyea stated that, though the board has had the EAF for two (2) months, it is fully reasonable that it take more time to review Part II because of the requirement of the “hard look” described in the SEQRA regulations. For this reason he suggested scheduling of a Workshop to take one more look and come to a determination under the guidelines of Part 3.

Margaret re-addressed the importance of consulting with the Town Historian, Susan Raab and archaeologist, Dr. Lindner. Mr. Lamme feels there is no need to address this issue again and has received correspondence from Town Historian Sue Raab. Margaret stated that she will again follow up with her concerns.

Previously addressed subjects were revisited regarding storm water management, building elevation, view-shed, photo renderings and lighting.

Mr. Sharpe addressed the Board regarding the posting of information for the general public. It is explained that the process will now be, that as information is received, it will be forwarded to the town webmaster for posting on the town website, or that individuals can obtain copies by way of FOIL with the Town Clerk.

The Board, after a solicitation by Chairman Reynolds that a motion be made to postpone the decision, voted unanimously in favor that at this time, they would not vote on a declaration of significance, and that a Workshop including Planner Ted Fink would be scheduled for April 14, 2016 at the Germantown Town Hall 7:00p.m.

On a motion by Joyce and seconded by Margaret with all in favor and none opposed this meeting was closed at 10:40 p.m.