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**PLANNING BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022
7:00 P.M. – IN-PERSON
AMENIA TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

REGULAR MEETING:

**DEEP HOLLOW PRESERVE TIMBER HARVEST – 253
DEEP HOLLOW RD – discussion continued**

OTHER MATTERS: Minutes – March 23 and June 8, 2022



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PLANNING BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 IN-PERSON AT TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM

PRESENT: Robert Boyles, Jr, Chairman
Tony Robustelli
Nina Peek
Neal Kusnetz
John Stefanopoulos
Matt Deister

ABSENT: Jim Walsh

OTHERS PRESENT - John Andrews – Planning Board Engineer
Paul Van Cott – Planning Board Attorney
Chris Prentis – Forester / Applicant for Deep Hollow

Public Members: Eric McClellan, Lena Merritt and husband – Deep Hollow Rd Residents and property owners.

The meeting was held IN-PERSON at Town Hall. Chairman Robert Boyles, Jr. opened the meeting with all those present Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm. The exits were announced in case of emergency.

Chairman Boyles opened the Regular Meeting. **DEEP HOLLOW PRESERVE – 253 Deep Hollow Rd – Timber Harvest** was first on the agenda. This item was continued because there were unfinished items which the board discussed at the Public Hearing the meeting before. Chairman Boyles asked J. Andrews about his meeting. John had not been able to schedule a meeting yet with the Town Highway Superintendents and C. Prentis. He had no further comments and all other comments have been addressed in the current draft resolution. The attorney P. VanCott says there are no additional comments and have provided a draft resolution and negative Declaration resolution for the project.

C. Prentis met with property owner Eric McClellan to walk his property and discuss the trees that he did not want cut in the harvest. The issue has been resolved per Chris because the property line had previously been altered and the trees were a

good 50 feet off the correct property line and were not in question. Board member N. Peek would like some documentation to the Board that there will be substantial removal of trees in the area provided in the Site Plan. All of the removal of trees in under the NYSDEC Management Plan. All other documentation required has been supplied by the applicant in the application including Endangered Species, etc. as well as the SEAF Parts I, II and III. P. Van Cott will make amendments to show that the concerns brought forth from N. Peek were addressed in the draft resolutions. Paul Van Cott read aloud the “Therefore Be It Resolved” clauses of both the **SEQRA Neg Dec Resolution and the Site Plan Resolution for Approval to Lower Hudson Forestry Services, LLC for Selective Timber Harvesting on Deep Hollow Rd.** Both resolutions were voted on as follows and carried:

Robert Boyles, Jr.	Yes
John Stefanopoulos	Yes
James Walsh	Absent
Neal Kusnetz	Yes
Matthew Deister	Yes
Nina Peek	Yes
Anthony Robustelli	Yes

The other matters on the agenda were Minutes from 3-23-22 and 6-8-22. A motion was made by M. Deister, seconded by J. Stefanopoulos and carried to approve the minutes from 3-23-22 as submitted. Another motion was made by N. Peek and seconded by N. Kusnetz and carried to approve the 6-8-22 meeting minutes as amended by N. Peek.

An update to the Planning Board from the ZBA meeting from previous night (June 21) about the SBA Extension matter was discussed. John Andrews was at that meeting as well and said that the ZBA also wants to waive the landscaping requirement as a condition on the resolution. They also concurred with the analysis that the generator was absolutely necessary. They had no problem granting a 6 months extension with a 90 day return to their board as well for an update on the status of the generator. An oral vote was taken with those present and a resolution can be drafted to approve with these updates. The Line of Sight Analysis has been submitted which seems to be acceptable and the NYSDOT has been contacted and they have sent back the application for a permit to be completed by the applicant as

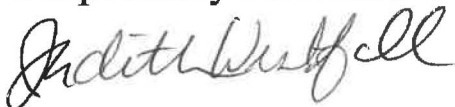
well. Discussion about Planning Board acting on the proposed resolution for the SBA request for extension and it was determined that it could wait until the next Planning Board Meeting to be held on July 13. Paul VanCott specifies one other thing that SBA needs to do is change out their Bond, in which one will be adopted that is more closely tied to their project. A surety form was submitted which made it hard to see what was actually being enforced. They have been corresponding together and need to make one more tweak to become adopted by the Town.

John Andrews notifies the Planning Board of an application coming their way that was incorrectly sent to the ZBA for a Roof Mounted Solar Panel application at 4905 Route 22 in the hamlet area because it is in the HPO. The Zoning Laws say that this can be done with Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board and the new Building Inspector denied it because of the HPO for an area variance.

One of the Deep Hollow residents asked what the approximate start date will be for the Timber Harvest. Chris hopes it will be early July. John still needs to meet with the Town of Amenia and Washington Highway Superintendents to analyze the road situation when trucks start to enter and exit the site. The Bond still has to be approved by the Town. It will take place in an eight or nine week time frame according to the forester.

A motion was made by N. Peek, seconded by N. Kusnetz and carried to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 7:25pm. The next meeting is July 13, 2022 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted



Judith Westfall

Planning Board Secretary