



Planning Board

TOWN OF POESTENKILL

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PLANNING BOARD October 5, 2021 Minutes @ Poestenkill Fire Hall

Attendees:

Donald Heckelman, Chairman
Tom Russell
Harvey Teal
Jeff Briggs
Laura Burzesi
Vicky Spring

Non-Voting:

Tiffany Buker, Clerk

Chairman Heckelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the Members of the Board.

Minutes:

Meeting minutes of July 6, 2021 were reviewed. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Member Teal, seconded by Member Briggs and approved by a vote of six ayes and zero nays.

Meeting minutes of August 3, 2021 were reviewed. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Member Teal, seconded by Member Russell and approved by a vote of five ayes; zero nays; one abstain (Chairman Heckelman).

Applicants:

Mr. Costa

8 Lot Major Subdivision

Cooper Hill Subdivision

Nick Costa gave an overview of the project, 8 lots in the R zone on Cooper Hill Rd (NYS Route 355). The lots will be just over 1 acre. Each house will be connected to the water main, have their own driveway and a turn around so no backing out on Cooper Hill Rd. In June, it was classified as an 8 lot major subdivision. Mr. Costa discussed the DEC letter and the developing is not happening near the wetlands. Member Teal brought up his concerns about traffic and waste water treatment. Mr. Costa said it would be treated by soils and the primary treatment would be by septic tank. Data has been submitted to Rensselaer County DOH and currently 3 or 4 of the systems are not approved. Mr. Costa is working with Mr. Howard from RCDOH to make sure they meet the perc test standards as some sites need slower soil. Member Burzesi

asked about fill being brought in to compensate for the fast soils. Mr. Costa said they were not doing that but moving locations because of the large lot size. Mr. Costa also stated the loss of vegetation will also help with the site vision. Member Briggs stated the closest septic site is 300 feet from the wetlands and eight more driveways aren't going to make it worse than it already is, as there are already 8 driveways across the road. Member Spring talked about the recent roadwork and the blind spot coming up from Wynantskill compared to down from Poestenkill. Member Russell spoke on his reservations about the "speedway" and also echoed Member Teal's concerns about the septic. Chairman Heckelman asked about where they were in terms of purchasing the land. Purchasing the land is contingent upon final approval and Chairman Heckelman asked for a copy of the contract. The applicant is concerned with the timeline and discussion was had about the process. Member Briggs made a motion to have SEQRA public hearing and was seconded by Member Burzesi and was approved with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Updates:

Comprehensive Plan- Progress has been slow. Discussion was had about GIS mapping and the cost and the amount being added to the budget.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm was made by Member Briggs, was seconded by Member Burzesi and was approved with six ayes and zero nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Buker
Planning Board Clerk