



Planning Board

TOWN OF POESTENKILL

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SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD

January 19, 2021 Minutes
@ Poestenkill Town Hall

Attendees:

Tom Russell, Chairman
Jeffrey Briggs
Harvey Teal
Don Heckelman
Steve Valente
Laura Burzesi
Victoria Spring, Alternate

Non-Voting:

Robert Ryan, Esq.
Lynn E. Kane, Clerk

Absent:

William Daniel

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

Public Hearing:

Secretary read the Public Hearing notice into the record. Member Heckelman recused himself from this project as a conflict of interest. Chairman Russell stated that the current Special Use Permit for Natural Products issued to Mr. Polaro will expire on January 31, 2021. Further, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has issued a new Permit #4-3838-00066/00001, dated February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2026. Chairman Russell asked the Board Members if they had any comments on this application. Chairman Russell stated he is very familiar with the operation and finds the condition to be in excellent condition at all times. Member Valente added comment that the mine site is immaculate and very well run. Town Board Member, June Butler, stated as an adjoining land owner, she is in favor of approving this application and that Mr. Polaro has always been an excellent neighbor. Board Attorney Ryan questioned Mr. Polaro if there was any changes from current permit to future permit, there is not.

The SEQR portion of the public hearing began with Chairman Russell reading the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) into record and the Board responded to all questions. Motion made by Member Teal that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact and that therefore, a negative declaration should be issued. Motion seconded by Member Valente and was approved by a vote six (6) ayes; zero (0) nays and one (1) abstention by Member Heckelman.

Chairman Russell asked if any member of the public in favor of the application wished to speak – there is none. Chairman Russell asks if any member of the public in opposition of the application wished to speak. Chairman Russell closes the public hearing with “There being no further comments, the public hearing is closed.”

Motion made by Member Teal to approve a Special Use Permit. Motion was seconded by Member Valente and approved by a vote of six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays and one (0) abstention by Member Heckelman.

Resolution: Special Use Permit granted.

Motion made by Chairman Russell at 7:20 pm to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was seconded by Member Valente and approved by all. Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Member Teal at 7:35. Motion was seconded by Member Briggs and approved by all.

Organizational:

Clerk Kane directed to send memo to Town Board recommending the appointment of Donald Heckelman as Chairman of the Planning Board.

There was much discussion of the challenges of utilizing Zoom meetings from Town Hall. Chairman Russell will speak to Don Tonianti at Poestenkill Fire Dept. for suggestions using Zoom for the next Planning Board meeting on February 2, 2021.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm was made by Member Heckelman, seconded by Member Daniel and approved by a vote of six (6) ayes, zero (0) nays, and zero (0) abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn E. Kane,
Planning Board Clerk