



Planning Board

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PLANNING BOARD

July 6, 2021 Minutes

@ Poestenkill Fire Hall

Attendees:

Don Heckelman, Chairman
Tom Russell, Vice Chairman
Harvey Teal
Jeff Briggs
William Daniel
Steve Valente
Laura Burzesi
Vicky Spring, Alternate

Non-Voting:

Robert Ryan, Esq.
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.

Applicants:

Thomas Cooley
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Chairman Heckelman asked for a description of the project. Mr. Cooley explained he would be obtaining just under 3 acres of land from his father. Chairman Heckelman opened it up for questions. Member Burzesi asked about the lot and current buildings on the lot. Mr. Cooley explained it was currently vacant land. The wetlands on the property were questioned. Mr. Cooley said the wetlands were not on the part of the property that would be subdivided. The history of the land being previously subdivided and it was clarified that was done in the early 2000's. Chairman Heckelman asked for questions from the public. The board asked for the wetlands to be put on the plot. Chairman Heckelman suggested moving forward with classification tonight and getting the wetlands added to the plot. Motion was made to classify as a 2 lot minor subdivision by Member Burzesi and seconded by Member Daniel with seven (7) ayes and zero (0) nays. Chairman Heckelman said a public hearing would be held at the next meeting (August 3rd).

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. Last month it was classified as an 8 lot major subdivision. Mr. Costa stated soil testing was completed and everything came back and it was a little too fast and another test was being completed with relocation of a couple septic systems. The new location will reduce the amount of clearing needed to build the homes and complete the septic systems. Mr. Costa stated they hope to be able to shift some things around to keep some of the larger trees. Member Burzesi asked about septic systems in the front and Mr. Costa said there is potential for 2 more with systems in the front due to soil testing. Conversations was had about the size of home fitting the septic systems. Many questions were asked about safety with the road including the amount of traffic and roads in the area already being closed due to safety. Discussion occurred about a road in back or an access road to make it safer with NY 355 traffic. Member Valente asked about DOT analysis being completed. Mr. Costa said they did an analysis and the information is on the drawings. Member Valente would like to see the DOT study done before approving anything especially before the property is split. Residents also expressed concerns about mailbox locations and people having to cross the road. A town resident asked about the wetland check zone and Mr. Costa said they had already been out and the information shown was accurate. Member Teal reminded Mr. Costa about Town Law and establishment of drainage district. Chairman Heckelman talked about what to do next. Mr. Ryan reminded of the order of approval- preliminary approval, public hearing and submitting an application for final subdivision approval. Member Valente and Member Burzesi, along with others, would like DOT approval before holding a public hearing and SEQRA.

Minutes: Meeting minutes of June 1, 2021 were reviewed. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Member Briggs, seconded by Member Daniels and approved by a vote of six ayes; zero nays; one abstain (Chairman Heckelman).

Updates:

Comprehensive Plan- Member Briggs spoke about the updates he had received so far. Member Valente gave updates on the business section.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm was made by Member Burzesi, was seconded by Vice Chairman Russell and was approved with seven ayes and zero nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Buker
Planning Board Clerk