

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK
PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES FOR May 6, 2019**

Chairman Scott Cole called the May 6, 2019 meeting of the Town of Claverack Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Chairman Scott Cole, Virginia Ambrose, Alberta Cox, Stephen King, William Michael, Robert Vecchi, Jock Winch, George Schmitt; engineer, Rob Fitzsimmons; attorney and Jodi Keyser; secretary.

Chairman Cole informed the Board of correspondence received as follows:

Columbia County Planning Department review letter for Kiplinger solar array finding that it approved.

Columbia County Planning Department review letter for HRI Metal/Harpis roofing finding that the burning bush that is planned to be planted is an invasive species and should be changed to a different plant.

Flint Mine Solar Facility in the Town of Athens notice of intent.

Letter from the Claverack Free Library that they are seeking a \$10,000.00 increase in their operating budget because of increased cost of running the library.

Board members reviewed the Minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting was made by Stephen King with a second from Jock Winch. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CONTINUING APPLICATIONS FOR 5/6/19:

Paul Harpis Special Exception: Tax Map #(SBL)101 . – 2 – 50 Located on Salerno Drive in the Columbia County Commerce Park. Special Exception for the construction of a 100-foot by 100-foot steel building for manufacturing with a 36' by 60' attached office area.

George Schmitt was present for the application along with Mr. Harpis. Mr. Schmitt reviewed the application with the Board. Mr. Schmitt reminded the Board that this building will be located in the Columbia County Commerce Park on Salerno Drive. Mr. Schmitt informed the Board that he has received a permit for the driveway from the CC DOT along with water and sewer approval from the CC DOH. Mr. Schmitt informed the Board that he received the comment letter from Brandee Nelson right before the meeting so he tried his best to make the needed changes to the Site Plan before the meeting. Mr. Schmitt referred to the CCPD review letter regarding the burning bush stating that it is not a prohibited bush but he will have something else planted. Stephen King stated to plant some other type of vegetation but not burning bushes. Mr. Schmitt stated that he would make sure and wanted to make the Planning Board happy. Virginia Ambrose suggested planting forsythia bushes instead. Chairman Cole asked the Board members if they had any other questions. No further questions.

Chairman Cole opened the meeting to public hearing at 7:08 p.m. No comments were received. Chairman Cole closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

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Rob Fitzsimmons reviewed the SEQRA Part II for the Board members.

Motion to grant a negative declaration for purposes of SEQRA was made by Virginia Ambrose with a second from Alberta Cox. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Site for the construction of a 100-foot by 100-foot building with attached 30-foot by 60-foot office space was made by Virginia Ambrose with a second from William Michael. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Harpis paid \$5.00 in mailing fees for the application.

Store Master Funding VII/Pretium Packaging LLC: Tax Map #(SBL)123 . – 2 – 20 Located at 370 Stevers Crossing Rd. Site Plan Revision to existing approved Site Plan to install 2 new concrete pads to the existing 4 concrete pads, installation of 2 new silos to the new pads, potentially remove one existing silo and install a new silo at that site.

James Bell; Plant Manager was present for the application. Virginia Ambrose asked Mr. Bell what is held in the silos. Mr. Bell answered that high-density polyethylene pellets. Mr. Bell stated that the building has been at the site for many years with several different companies. Mr. Bell continued that the company employees 95 people and makes different types of plastic containers for the medical, food, beauty, and pharmaceutical industries. Mr. Bell stated that there are 39 different resins used in the production of the different products. Mr. Bell continued that the company needs the two new silos to be able to but resin in bulk to make it more economical, make for less injury from fork truck traffic. Rob Fitzsimmons asked if the silos hold liquid or pellets types of resins. Mr. Bell answered that the silos hold pellet resin. Stephen King asked if the new silos are 35 feet high. Mr. Bell answered yes. Mr. Bell stated that the highest of the existing silos is at 55 feet then there is one at 45 feet and one at 40 feet. Mr. Bell continued that the application is seeking to add two new silos and also the possibility of removing one of the existing silos and replacing it. Mr. Bell stated that if he can fix this one silo then he will not need to remove and replace it just add the two new silos. Robert Vecchi asked about the waste oil tank that is shown on the site plan maps. Mr. Bell stated that this is an old map and the waste oil tank was removed several years ago through Safe Harbors. Rob Fitzsimmons informed the Board members that he consulted with TOC CEO Jay Trapp regarding the application and agreed that this was an expansion of an existing commercial operation and would constitute a revision to the original Site Plan and they felt it important for the Planning Board to review. Rob Fitzsimmons asked Mr. Bell if there are any new resins that will be stored that would be flammable. George Schmitt stated that this is something that the TOC CEO would need to ask not the Planning Board. Rob Fitzsimmons asked if the increase in silos will increase truck traffic at the site. Mr. Bell answered no it will not increase traffic or have any increased impact.

Board members agreed to set the application for public hearing at the June meeting. Mr. Bell was instructed to obtain a public hearing sign from the Town office.

Rob Fitzsimmons instructed Planning Board secretary to submit the application to the Columbia County Planning Department for review. Continued to June 3, 2019

NEW BUSINESS:

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Town Board member Katy Cashen wanted the Board members to know that Tim Kenneally will be discussing invasive species before the Town Board meeting on 5/9/19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Katy Cashen continued that this is an educational talk and open to the public before the regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn the May 6, 2019 meeting was made by Stephen King with a second from Alberta Cox. All members were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Keyser, Secretary