

TOWN OF JERUSALEM
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Jerusalem Planning Board was held on January 2, 2020 and called to order with the Pledge to the Flag @ 7:00 pm.

Present/roll call in attendance:

Tim Cutler

Ron Rubin

Paul Zorovich

Donna Gridley

Absent: John Wheeler and Georgeann Farrell

Others present: Allen Carey , Bill Grove, and Jeff Arnold

Approval/correction of meeting minutes. Tim Cutler asked for approval

Ron Rubin asked for amendments to minutes – page 2 under SEQR discussion – reinforce that owner’s pre-construction meeting– emphasis on prior to work being done per Ron – replace the word (this) - with applicant will receive a copy of the conditions of approval from the town. Tim explained to Bill Grove the new template. Ron – elaborate on page 3 – try to ensure sufficient room instead of (wiggle room). Paul Zorovich made motion to approve as amended and Ron Rubin 2nd. Approved.

Tim – no modifications to agenda

Public Presentation:

(a) Carey Steep Slope Application – 6262 West Bluff Drive, Keuka Park

Tim shared paperwork with board.

Bill Grove – shared copies with board. Discussed septic and driveway and retaining wall to Planning Board members. Bill shared copy that Dick Osgood did. Two sided wall was described and shown to board members. It will be a gentle grade per Bill.

Ron – for future reference on Rick’s letter there is an error in address, needs to be corrected so down the road everything agrees.

Tim – make sure address is corrected

Bill – not super steep, fairly straight forward site. Relatively flat property. Reviewed copy and shared his comments.

Paul – questioned vegetation/trees

Bill – some trees below bank area will stay but for the most part will be cleared. Will save as many trees possible, clearing for septic system, will preserve as many as possible.

Ron – is there a driveway in currently

Bill – yes partially – explained

Donna- asked about storm water – should be northwest corner of the house

Bill – shared on map copy where it will be to answer Donna’s question

Tim – discussed proposed construction sequence

Ron – questioned pre-construction meeting order on sequence and silt fence

Bill – shared pre-construction meetings prior that he has been a part of which was also discussed and reviewed.

Tim – what the applicant can do and can’t do prior to pre-construction meetings, also discussed in detail.

Tim – any other questions for Bill – no

Tim – review of SEQR – Part I

Ron – questioned 10 and 11 – new water line and new septic system questioned, Bill answered question and explained with details.

Tim - SEQR Part II reviewed by board members (step by step)

Motion for Negative Declaration – Donna Gridley made motion and Paul Zorovich 2nd and all in favor, motion passed.

Tim – Yates county soil and water conditions reviewed as well, site boundary lines need to be clearly marked. On site pre-construction **must be held** with all representatives and contractors. Tim continued with all requirements and reviewed each one of them. Reviewed conditions step by step. Will use construction sequence that Bill shared on site plan.

Ron Rubin made motion to approve and Donna Gridley 2nd – all in favor, motion passed.

Jeff Arnold shared comments on steep slope applicants for the Town of Jerusalem – this property was a borderline – 15% slope – not thought of as steep slope. Builders and property go through all this, when other properties in other towns come in and rip out trees and build without going through process and jumping through these hoops.

Donna – shared her comments on West Bluff Drive – discussed.

Jeff – we preserve every tree and landscape properties – in favor of regulations to preserve the beauty of the lake property and not just rip out trees and build concrete structures.

Donna – need people to get on board and help make the changes. When you see something, say something was her suggestion to Jeff Arnold.

New Business:

Tim – shared information on Seneca Farms – plans for improving parking and moving gravel drive and make the area a little better, not a steep slope issue, wants to put in stairs. Sounds like only improvements and practical ones – code states she needs to come to planning board, shared sketch with board members of her ideas of what she wants to do. Will get back with her to clean up her drawings and encourage her to be specific with the plans. They do have parking area of Ritchey Blvd. Discussed.

Ron – asked about the changes

Tim – she wants to put in little playground near pavilion – discussed site plan requirement review/codes.

Donna – asked about parking and her wanting back in only section – maybe parking on angle is a better idea than backing in. Discussed.

Ron – they need to tell us specifically what the plan and ideas are so that we can comment on if needed.

Tim – will ask her to come to February meeting, not asking her to get engineering drawings, just be clear with her proposed updates/changes.

Other Business:

Tim shared that Jamie Sisson is now Town Supervisor as of Monday and Tony Hurd is new highway Supt.

Tim – shared that there will be an organization meeting of the Town of Jerusalem Board this coming Monday, January 6, 2020 and the board will appoint Robin Johnson for Planning Board member to fill Kerry's seat after her resignation and she will continue on as Planning Board Secretary as well.

Ron Rubin – nominated Tim Cutler as chairman and was 2nd by Paul Zorovich to have Tim be chairman of Planning Board for the 2020 year. All in favor, passed.

Move to adjourn 8:05 pm. made by Ron Rubin

Respectfully submitted by,

Robin Johnson

Planning Board Secretary