



Planning Board ★★★★★★★★

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Planning Board Vice Chair Donna Salamone. Also present were Planning Board members Victor Costanza, James Digristina, Michael Ritter, David Fusillo and Jean Finster; absent was Chairman Paul Thomas.

Also present were Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge; Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti; Town Councilman Robert VanDusen; Councilwoman Bette I Szesny (who also served as recording secretary for the Planning Board); ZBA Chairman Ronald J. Beach, Jr.; Codes Officer Phil Green; Town Assessor George Haskell; Schuyler County Legislator Vincent (Jim) Bono; Steve Smith - Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency; Richard Riccelli, Company President & Bob Finkle - Riccelli Northern Asphalt; Bruce Letts, P.E., Principal Engineer - C&S Companies; Jason Kappel, Sr. Geologist - Continental Placer Inc.; and Town residents Richard Finster and Dale Dodge.

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1, 2017 JOINT BOARD WORKSHOP

Motion by Victor Costanza, seconded by David Fusillo to approve the meeting minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

— PRESENTATION —

BY RICCELLI NORTHERN COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES & CONSULTANTS

Focus on tonight's meeting centered on Riccelli Northern Asphalt Company's plans to site a new asphalt plant at the Schuyler Business Park. Bruce Letts, P.E. (C&S Engineers, Inc., Syracuse, NY) described in great detail the application process and the Town Planning Board's role as Lead Agency. The Planning Board secretary will be responsible for generating the SEQR applications and attachments to all involved agencies once they are completed by the company's engineering and geological consultants. Maps of the proposed site reflecting its location at the Schuyler Business Park were distributed and a detailed description of site plans was provided. This included layout for planned roadways as well as placement of the buildings.

Jason Kappel, Geologist (Continental Placer, Inc., Albany, NY) then addressed the Board, further describing the required ("long form") SEQR process that involve measures such as environmental and archeological testing, traffic studies and wetland assessments of the proposed site. He stated the company hopes to start construction of their concrete plant in early summer which will be operational this year; additional plants (illustrated on the plans) will be constructed at the site thereafter.

Mr. Ricelli then addressed the Board, thanking the Town of Schuyler for their assistance. He said both he and the company look forward to a good relationship with the Town and its residents; both will gain by their presence with employment opportunities (26 well-paying jobs), reduced cost of supplies

manufactured at their new plants resulting in savings to area residents and municipalities (lower FOB rates), and increased county sales tax revenue generated by the company's presence (offset local tax rates). Mr. Ritter agreed, stating it will be a 2-way benefit for both the Town and its residents, and the company.

— RESOLUTION —

TO ACCEPT LEAD AGENCY STATUS

Motion by Michael Ritter, seconded by Victor Costanza that the Planning Board accept Lead Agency to Status for the SEQR application process and any and all other required applications by Riccelli Northern (Asphalt Company) to site a new division of their company at the Schuyler Business Park.

All members present voted affirmatively when polled by voice vote, as follows:

Jean Finster: Aye; David Fusillo: Aye; Michael Ritter: Aye; James Digristina: Aye; Victor Costanza: Aye; Donna Salamone: Aye; Paul Thomas: Absent. Michael Ritter: Aye; Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Planning Board; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM on a motion by Michael Ritter, seconded by Victor Costanza, with all in favor.

— Bette Szesny,
Recording Secretary