

TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2013

Present:

Board Members:

Diane Dreier, Co-Chair; William LaScala, Patrick Francois, Walter Daniels, Walter Plankl, Robert Carroll, Nancy Calicchia, Secretary

Guests:

Ann Kutter, Planning Board; Jeff Econom, P.E., Joshua Binkley, P.E. of Simon Property Group, Michael Kolba, P.E. of John Meyer Consulting

Diane Dreier, Co-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. The meeting took place in the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center Building, Senior Room #16.

The minutes of September 11, 2013 were approved with a motion from Walt Plankl and seconded by William LaScala.

Communications Received:

None

Chairpersons Report:

None

Reports From Other Committees:

Walt Daniels reported that a wetland permit has been issued for the Dog Park at Sylvan Glen. He shared some photos of the current site conditions to use as a baseline after the work has been completed. He has many concerns regarding the mitigation for the Dog Park and what can be done to ensure that it is done properly. The Conservation Board plans to reach out to Bruce Barber, Environmental Consultant to ensure that proper mitigation is being done and suggest supervision of the project.

Old Business:

Jefferson Valley Mall – Amended Site Plan from Simon Property Group

SBL: 16.12-1-24 & 16.12-1-25

Joshua Binkley, P.E. of the Simon Property Group along with Michael Kolba, P.E. of John Meyer Consulting were in attendance to discuss the application. A video presentation and overview of the site plan was given to the Board members with discussion of the renovation and expansion to be done. There will be an expansion on the north side with more retail and restaurant space as well as the south side which will be bumped out in addition to parking lot modifications. Landscaping in the parking areas, sidewalks and berm area will be done. The Board is requesting a complete landscaping plan with a plant schedule stating types of plant material, sizes and spacing as well as a maintenance plan to ensure longevity of the proposed landscaping look as per the video presentation. The Board is also requesting confirmation from the Tree Commission that the necessary mitigation has been met for the removal of the existing trees. The Board is in the process of composing a memo to the Town Board with thier comments.

Old St. Georges, LLC – Winery – Amended Site Plan

SBL: 15.12-2-53 / 1715 E. Main Street

Jeff Econom, P.E. was in attendance to discuss the applicant's amended site plan. Per Mr. Econom, there are no changes to the plans as the Town Board did not allow for parking on the Town parcel, so they are requesting approval of the original plan. The plans indicate the strip of land between the proposed parking and Route 6 to be a landscape edge. The Conservation Board is suggesting that the town periodically check the strip of land to ensure it remains green and uncompacted. The Board feels that maintaining this edge will aid in stormwater management of the runoff into the wetland. The Board is in the process of composing a memo to the Town Board with their comments.

Yorktown Police Station – Stormwater Retrofit Project

Route 202 / SBL: 37.09-1-3

The Conservation Board reviewed the site plan. A memo was sent to the Planning Department on September 19, 2013 stating that the Board foresees no adverse environmental impacts as previously stated in their memo of July 1, 2013.

New Business:

None

Discussion:

- An informal discussion regarding Stateland was made. The Conservation Board is planning on attending the next Planning Board meeting to discuss their concerns.
- The Conservation Board members will conduct a site visit to Creative Living on Saturday, September 28th at 9:00 a.m. to observe and confirm the state of completion for mitigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by a motion proposed by Diane Dreier and seconded by Walt Daniels .