Planning Board Meeting Feb 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Planning Board, Town of Yorktown, was held on February 22, 2010 at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street. The Chair, Dave Klaus, opened the meeting at 7:35 with the following members present:

John Savoca

Bob Giordano

John Flynn

Darlene Rivera

Richard Fon -Alternate Board Member

Also, present were: John Tegeder, Director of Planning, Robyn Steinberg, Town Planner, and Karen Wagner, attorney to the Planning Board.

Discussion No discussion took place at this time

Correspondence Glassbury Court-A letter from developer's attorney requested the Board waive the installation of crosswalks. Tegeder stated according to the site plan the developer had to have a continuum of care. Klaus stated the sidewalks are in place and it is safer for all to instal crosswalks. Wagner asked if this might be a timing issue Steinberg stated she had spoken with developer Bill Balter, and crosswalks will be installed. Wagner will respond to this request.

Follow-up Correspondence No discussion took place at this time
Liaison Reports No reports were submitted at this time

Courtesy of the Floor No one from the public came forward at this time.

Dana Cole Hair Salon, Inc.

Commercial Site Plan

SBL: 15.16-1-31

Location: 1833 East Main Street

Contact: Joel Greenberg, Architectural Visions, PLLC

Description: Renovation of the existing structure and construction of associated new parking. Joel Greenberg, project architect was present. Greenberg explained the NYS DEC requested changes to the plan approved by the Planning Board. Procedurally, the DEC will only review the project after Planning Board approval. Greenberg stated the Town Engineer was satisfied with the plan, and the Conservation Board only request was a broader mix of plants, which the applicant is agreeable to. Environmental Consultant, Bruce Barber, requested bonding for the bioswale, the planted stilling basin and required plantings .Klaus stated the current resolution we reviewed includes the amendments required by the DEC. Klaus asked if there were any changes to the wetland permit, and Steinberg stated there were none. Klaus stated all of these changes are due to the DEC request.

Special Session

Upon motion by Giordano, seconded by Savoca, and with all those present voting aye, the Board opened a Special Session.

Upon motion by Savoca, seconded by Giordano, with all those present voting aye, the Board approved amended site plan.

Upon motion by Savoca, seconded by Giordano, with all those present voting aye, the Board closed the Special Session.

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Bonsignore Wetland Permit

Town Board Referral

SBL: 16.7-1-37

Location: 738 East Main Street Contact: Donato Pennella

Description: Construction of a 1,500 SF residence in a town wetland buffer.

The applicant was present before the Board. Klaus stated the site was along Old Route 6, near the JV Mall. The applicant stated there is an existing residence which had a wetland permit that expired. The applicant explained that a building permit was filed with the Building Department. The Building Department unnecessarily directed the applicant to the ZBA. During the time with the ZBA, the wetland permit expired. The applicant stated the proposed residence is a little smaller then the former proposal, and the residence is being shifted away from the wetlands. The wetlands were reflagged. The Town Board is the approval authority, and this is before the Planning Board as a referral. The applicant felt the new wetland line was more favorable. The applicant stated very few changes were made to the plan the Town Board had approved. Klaus referred the applicant to the Conservation Board. Klaus stated although the wetlands have been reflagged, the flagging must be confirmed by the Town's Environmental Consultant. The applicant explained handling of run-off with a proposed swale to divert the water. Klaus stated all of the concerns are environmental, there are no planning issues The Board had no objection and to the Town Board approving a wetland permit, and will issue a memo to the Town Board.

Soundview Prep SBL: 48.6-1-30

Zoning Board of Appeals Referral

SDL: 40.0-1-30

Location: 370 Underhill Avenue

Contact: Seth Mendelbaum, McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP

Description: Renewal of Special Permit for a private school granted April 26, 2007.

Glyn Heam, headmaster, was present. Klaus stated the original special use permit was approved two years ago. The applicant is renewing the special use permit and requesting a 5-year approval. Klaus asked if any of the conditions had changed, and was told there were no changes. Wagner stated the ZBA notes indicate there are no changes. Klaus stated in the two years that Soundview Prep has been in operation no problems have been brought to the Planning Board. The Planning Board has no objection to a 5-year approval for the special use permit, and will send a memo to the ZBA stating same.

King Gates & Fence SBL: 26.19-1-1

Special Permit - Outdoor Service

SDL: 20.19-1-1

Location: 3216 Crompond Road

Contact: Louie Gashi, King Gates & Fence, Inc

Description: Existing gate & fence business to enclose outdoor service area.

The applicant was present. The applicant wants to enclose an outdoor service area with an 8ft high fence. Klaus explained that 8ft high fence would require a ZBA variance. The applicant was agreeable to a 6-feet fence. Klaus stated the Board needs additional information on how the fence relates to the site. The Board needs the applicant to overlay the fence onto the survey. Klaus requested Tegeder help the applicant display the fence on the site plan.

Zeal Construction

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SBL: 25.8-2-17

Location: 1719 Parmly Road

Contact: Joseph Scorsone, Zeal Construction

Description: Construction of a single-family house, driveway, water, sewer and other utilities in a NYS & town wetland buffer.

The applicant was present. Klaus stated all issues concerning this application are environmental. It is the Planning Board's recommendation that the applicant meet with the Conservation Board. The applicant stated the house depicted is just a building envelope. Tegeder explained if the actual house encroaches into the wetland or wetland buffer, the applicant must return to the Board. The applicant is developing the plan with the owner. Klaus requested the applicant return after addressing the Conservation Board.

Teatown-Gilbert Subdivision

Pre-Preliminary Application

SBL: 69.14-1-8

Location: 1595 Spring Valley Road

Contact: Fred Koontz, Teatown Lake Reservation

Description: Proposed 3-Lot subdivision into 57 acres around the lake, 8 acres for one residence, and 5 acres for the second residence, on 70 acres in the R1-200 zone.

Fred Koontz, and Nancy Felcher, Teatown Lake representatives were present, with John Watson of Insite Engineering. Felcher stated we are here to talk about a pre-prelimianry application. This parcel has been in Teatown sights for many years and the Gilbert heirs wante to preseve the land. Teatown will buy the 72 acres and create three lots. The subdivision will create one 5-acre lot that will contain the existing yellow house, the second 8-acre lot will contain the main house, and the third lot preserve the remaining 59-acres. Felcher stated that currently the estate ownes the 72-acres, and Teatown is proceding with the subdivition with the authority of the heris. Koontz statedThe neighboting property is owned by the County and managed by Teatown. Klaus stated there really is no objection to carving out the two existing house. One house will be non conforming and you will need a variance. Klaus request the wells and septic systems be shown on the plans. Koontz stated Westchester County requires the purchase to be vacant land if they were to consider partnering with Teatown. Teatown will sell the two building lots. Felcher stated the site contianing the main house aslo has a greenhouse, and a garage with two apartments above. Klaus explained the garage must comply with the Town Code for a caretaker's cottage. Tegeder stated this qualifies as did the WOW Associates subdivision, as a nonjurisdictional. Koontz explained this was a very important 59 acres to Teatown. Shadow Lake drains into Vernay Lake and this is is part of the 59-acre site. Koontz stated with the acquisition of the 59-acres approximately 90% of the watershed is protected. Koontz stated this site is described in the Croton to Highlands Biidiversity Study as a biotic corridor, whch contain significant wldlife including otters and dragonflys. Klaus stated the Board had no objection to the subdivision, and instucted the applicant to meet with the Planning Department to prepare a formal application.

Upon motion by Girodano, seconded by Flynn, and with all those present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.