

Wilmington Planning Board

May 7, 2012-7:00 P.M.

Board members present: Robert Peters, Glenn Gebel, Judi Gould, Marilyn Monesko and Tony Nickinello.

Public present: Steve Corvelli, Bob Guynup, Merri Peck, Debbie Boyce, Meg Parker, Matt McNamara, Randy Preston, Martin Schwalbaum, Carl Rielly and Shirley Lawrence.

PUBLIC HEARING-NORTHWOODS FOREST CONSULTANTS, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 p.m. by Chairman, Robert Peters.

***Martin Schwalbaum** had a concern regarding boundary between lot 102 and 108. There is a difference between Scwalbaum and Napier deeds.

*Debbie stated that this would need to worked out between the owners and their attorneys and she would not be harvesting this area of land until it is worked out.

*There is and old road that will be upgraded and the landing will be on a previous site. All chipping will be done on the landing.

*Debbie would like to start the project this month unless there is too much rain.

***Judi Gould** questioned the time frame of the project. Debbie would like to be done before there is a major freezing of the hill but it would depend on the weather and other circumstances in the logging business.

She thought 4-6 months if all goes well.

***Bob Peters** has had emails from persons from Jay regarding a noise issue. This would need to be discussed with the Town of Jay. Debbie stated that the most noise would be in the Trumbull Corners area. Because of the cost of fuel, they don't run the machinery steadily.

***Bob Peters** discussed 480A and what it entailed.

***Judi Gould** questioned the starting times by the loggers. Debbie thought they would start at approximately 7 a.m.

*Bob Peters noted that he visited the project with the DEC officer who felt that everything was being done correctly.

***Carl Rielly** stated that he lives in that area and has no problems with the project and there is minimal noise.

***Judi Gould** questioned how much jurisdiction the Planning Board had in regards to 480A projects. Bob Peters felt that this area of the code needs to be reviewed.

Public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OPENED AT 7:20 P.M.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2012 MEETING

***Motion presented by Marilyn Moncsko, seconded by Judi Gould; carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Northwoods Forest Consultants, LLC 480A- Logging on Wellscroft Property.

*Motion to approve the logging application presented by Glenn Gebel, seconded by Judi Gould; carried unanimously.

2. River Stone Wellness Center, Meg Parker-off premise sign to be placed on the property of John Langford

and Sallie McGrath Langford.

*There is a lease agreement between the parties involved.

*Judi Gould would like to see more detail on the placement of the sign because of the visibility issue on that corner. A copy of the proposed sign was distributed. It would be a 2 sided sign and would be 32" on each side.

*Meg stated that the placement of the sign needs the approval of NYS and the County.

*It would be lighted by solar energy and would run parallel to Haselton Road.

***Motion was presented by Tony Nickinello to accept the sign proposal as presented; seconded by Marilyn Moncsko; carried unanimously.**

3. William Bedford-4 lot subdivision along Route 86. Bill is still working with the APA and will be pulling the property off the Straight website listing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Eric Johanson-Timber harvest on 41 acres. This is a 480A logging.

*Neil Ford was present representing Johanson.

*The logging project would be on Haselton Road at the old Crowley Farm. It would 41 acres on 2 parcels.

*Greg Atkins would be the logger.

*Bob Peters requested that better maps be submitted at the public hearing.

*The project has been submitted to the Essex County Board of Supervisors and they had no issues as long as

no new roads are being built.

***Public hearing set for June 4, 2012**

CORRESPONDENCE

*Bob Peters had correspondence regarding survey maps from First Columbia had been filed with the county.

DISCUSSION

1. Bob Peters discussed the legal review that was presented at the Local Government day on March 21st in Lake Placid.

*Decisions should reference site specific areas of the code when a decision is made.

*Recordings cannot be used in any court hearing. The minutes are the official records that would be referred to in a court case.

*The board must be sure they follow procedure.

*A notice of decision needs to be filed within in 5 days of the public hearing.

*All decisions should be made on the use of the property not on who the applicant is.

*When voting you should have more than three members.

2. Ginny is condensing the forms but was sick this evening. Will discuss this at the next meeting.

3. DEC Forest Tax Law Program information has been distributed for the boards information.

4. Training Record Forms need to be filled out. If more than four hours have been completed, it can be carried over until next year.

*Will have a work session after the June 4th meeting to go over possible changes to the code.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion by Judy Gould, seconded by Glenn Gebel