

TOWN of COCHECTON PLANNING BOARD

December 28, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of December 28, 2023, was called to order by Chairman Bertsch at 7:30 p.m. welcoming everyone in attendance.

Mr. Bertsch requested everyone to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Those in Planning Board members in attendance included Earl Bertsch, George Blaso, Frank Kratz, Jeff Neidert, Robert Smith, and George Walter. Absent – Jim Crowley. Attendees included Glenn Smith, Tim Gottlieb, and Kasey Kratz.

The Planning Board Minutes of October 26, 2023, were approved on motion by Jeff Neidert and second by George Walter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Bertsch requested Glenn Smith to update the board of the status of the Fosterdale 4-Corner Plaza Project. Mr. Smith proceeded to address the following concerns expressed at the October 26, 2023 Public Hearing as follows:

- + There will be one driveway off of 17B highway and two driveways off Route 52.
- + Coming from Route 17B West to Fosterdale Corners, there will be a right hand turn onto Route 52. (Department of Transportation/DOT approval pending).
- + The project's sewer usage is estimated 1300 gal/day well within the DEC's requirements & more fill will be needed in that area.
- + The project's storm water will drain to the back with a catch basin in place.
- + Regarding status of the project with DOT, Glenn Smith explained the Department works under three (3) phases of the project of which two (2) of the three (3) have been addressed.

Glenn Smith then addressed the written review received by Mr. Stephan A. Maffia, P.E. Consulting dated November 21, 2023. The following points were addressed:

- + 40% traffic would be new people going to the Fosterdale 4-Corner Plaza.
- + 60% traffic would be through traffic.
- + There is projected one hundred sixty-six (166) total trips /day.
- + Speed traffic speed estimated at 53-55 miles per hour. This includes school buses.
- + The concern expressed of vehicles passing on the double yellow line on Route 17B is wrong and it is a law enforcement issue.

- + Sight distance White like to Fosterdale direction is eight (800) feet, which is well within the legal requirements. The sight distance is good in both directions.

Glenn Smith states currently, the project is waiting for the final decisions of DOT and DEC before any work can move forward. It is difficult to project the time when that would occur.

Glenn Smith called for any questions concerning the project. There being none from the board, Chairman Bertsch thanked Glenn Smith and Tim Gottlieb for coming and giving the board the status of the Fosterdale 4-Corner Plaza Project.

Chairman Bertsch then informed the board that there has been no further contact regarding the Dollar General project. Earl also reported that regarding the Solar Farm Project, today he received two (2) checks of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars each but has had no request to come before the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Earl informed that Jim Crowley has completed his seven (7) year term and requested not to serve again. Jim's replacement will be Supervisor Maas' decision. The Chairman and Clerk's position needs to be filled. Jeff Neidert moved, and George Blaso second motion to appoint Earl Bertsch as Chairman and Joy Bertsch as Clerk for 2024 year. Earl then discussed the need of a Deputy Chairman in situations when he would be unable to be present. Earl thanked Jeff Neidert for agreeing to serve as Deput Chairman of the Planning Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on motion of George Walter and second by George Blaso.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bertsch

Joy Bertsch, Clerk

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