

TOWN OF COCHECTON PLANNING BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2020

The May 14, 2020 Town of Cochection Planning Board was convened by chairman, Earl Bertsch, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was held by Google Meet virtual platform. Those in attendance by invitation included Earl Bertsch, Peter Pierce, Richard Pomes, and Neal Halloran. George Walter & George Blasso attended by phone participation. Jim Crowley was absent. Attendees included Alan Lord by invitation and R Gartner attended by phone participation. Jill Buday was present as Technical Consultant and Mr. George Fulton was present representing Fulton Land Surveying. Joy Bertsch, Clerk was also present. Those physically present wore masks and followed social distancing.

(Please note: March and April 2020 Planning Board Meetings were not held due to the Covid-19 stay at home mandate.)

A quorum was established and the meeting commenced by all reciting the Pledge to the American Flag.

At 7:40 p.m. a motion made by Peter Pierce and second by George Walter, to open the Public Hearing.

Chairman Bertsch gave a brief summary of the Campis Minor Subdivision and further information was given by Mr. George Fulton.

Chairman Bertsch recognized Mr. Gartner (resident/concerned property owner) who stated the following:

1. Mr. Gartner expressed that the Google Meet was not a proper Public Hearing;
2. Mr. Gartner also expressed his concern regarding the survey/map of the Campis property and of his own adjoining property.

Chairman Bertsch responded to Mr. Gartner's first concern by informing him that the Public Hearing was published under the Democrat Newspaper Legal Notices twice (March 5th & 8th, 2020), as well as on the Town of Cochection Website. In addition, the actual Public Hearing legal notice was mailed to each resident bordering the Campis property. Chairman Bertsch then stated he had personally spoke with Mr. Gartner regarding the real property dispute between Mrs. Campis and Mr. Gartner and he had made no mention of a problem accessing the Public Hearing.

Mr. Fulton the responded to Mr. Gartner's second concern by stating he will certify the boundaries and mark them clearly as soon as weather and the virus mandates allows Fulton Land Surveying to do the work. He further responded by stating in order for him to place a corner marker as Mr. Gartner requests, his real property would have to be re-surveyed. Mr. Gartner did not acknowledge that he would like that done.

George Blaso, board member, sought confirmation regarding the surveyor's map of the Campis real property. Mr. Fulton confirmed that boundaries and markers were designated on the map.

Chairman Bertsch polled all board members for any further comments and/or concerns.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7: 50 p.m. on motion made by George Walter and second by Peter Pierce.

The minutes of the February 27, 2020 Planning Board Meeting were approved on motion of George Walter and second by George Blaso.

Correspondence - NONE

Old Business:

Chairman Bertsch proposed motion of a Negative Declaration – “No significant impact to the Environment based upon the Short Assessment Form” (Campis Minor Subdivision) & Neal Halloran second, the resolution passed.

George Walter then moved the approval of the Campis Minor Subdivision, George Blaso second. The resolution passed.

The Planning Board then moved to the last agenda item, the Pine Meadow Major Subdivision. (Note: Richard Pomes is recused from voting on this project due to his personal interest in this project)

The Planning Board then proceeded to review the summary of the full SWPPP report prepared by Tim Gottlieb, PB consulting engineer, of the full Storm Water Plan prepared by Keystone Associates. Earl offered each board member a copy of the full (294 page) report to those wishing to review it. Neal Halloran stated he would like a copy. Mr. Alan Lord acknowledged emailing it to him prior to the meeting. Mr. Halloran stated he may have not recognized the email and deleted it. He will check to see if he could retrieve it. Each board member was requested to be prepared to discuss the Storm Water Plan (SWPPP) at the next Planning Board Meeting, June 25, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m. and to address any comments the S. C. Division of Planning may make on the submitted 239.

Chairman Bertsch requested a motion be made to submit the Pine Meadow Farm Major Subdivision to the S. C. Division of Planning for a 239 review. The motion was made by Peter Pierce and second by George Walter. The resolution passed.

Neal Halloran expressed concern that each lot sold would need a storm water plan (SWPPP) to be done.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on motion of George Walter, second by George Blaso and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bertoch, Clerk

Town of Cocheton Planning Board