

Town of Austerlitz
Planning Board meeting
Town Hall, October 2, 2014

Present: Chairman Jay Engel, Susan Geel, Deborah Lans, Richard Madonia, Marie Meehan

Public Hearing called to order at 7 pm.

Surveyor, Robert Ihlenburg presented the planning board with maps of land division on properties belonging to Timothy O'Grady and Curitis C. Weikert on Pratt Hill. The proposed merger of nine acres Of O'Grady property with existing Weikert property was reviewed for the public and board members.

Seven letters were sent to neighbors with abutting property on Pratt Hill Rd., advising them of this proposal and public hearing ; five letters were returned.

Neighbors Douglas Avens and Dan Ballister attended the public hearing; Robert Ihlenburg provided a map for their perusal .

No questions or comments offered .

Public Hearing was closed.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.

Motion to accept September minutes: Motion: Richard Madonia, Second: Deborah Lans ,
All Approved.

Unfinished Business

1. Timothy O'Grady-Parcel Merger on Pratt Hill Road.

A question about markings on the map were described by Robert Ihlenburg as land hooks used on tax maps.

Part 2 of SEQRA document was addressed on Impact Assessment.

The questions, addressed aloud and answered by each member, indicated no negative impact.

Jay Engel read a resolution stating that this plan as submitted does not result in any significant adverse environmental impact and called for a voice vote for approval. .

Sue Geel: yes, Deborah Lans :yes , Richard Madonia: yes, Marie Meehan; yes. Approved by All.

SEQRA Form was signed, maps were stamped and Robert Ihlenburg submitted maps and receipts of letters sent.

Hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

2. David Seth Michaels -Parcel merger on Route 203

A letter from William Better indicated that a death in the Michaels family has detained further activity at this time. The applicant, David Seth Michaels, is willing to adjourn the 62 day time period to include the December planning board meeting, in which to make a decision.

3. Colleen Safford- Driveway approval on Pratt Hill Road.

Coleen Safford did not appear for this meeting; no communication received about absence. Jay Engel and board members discussed possible next steps in the application process which resulted in the following resolution.

Resolution: If legally possible, driveway review application will be extended.

Motion to extend time line: Sue Geel, Second: Richard Madonia, Approved by All.

Public comment period.

Ren Martin , who spoke at the Colleen Safford public hearing, inquired if board members had made personal visits to kennel to ascertain noise levels etc. Board members had done so and described positive outcomes. Further exchanges about the concerns of abutting neighbors were voiced from the public and were satisfactorily answered by describing the import of the resolution made with the application approval. In addition those in attendance were reminded that there is a monitoring process through the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, Lee Heim.

Before adjourning Deborah Lans spoke of the possibility of inviting Christine Vanderlein, a staff member of the Columbia Land Conservancy to speak about GiS maps and their use . This presentation could contribute to planning board members training. It was accepted as a good plan and a date will be set.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 :15 pm.

Next meeting Nov. 6, 2014