



Columbia County, New York Planning Board

Meeting Minutes – 19 February 2013

Members Present

John V. Florio, Jr.
Arthur Koweek, *Vice - Chair*
Larry Saulpaugh
Timothy Stalker, *Chair*
Deborah Shakotko
George Super

Staff Present

Patrice O. Perry, *Senior Planner*

Guests

None

Members absent-Notified

Cheryl Gilbert
Alice Platt
Steve J. Savarese

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Timothy Stalker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Chairman Stalker opened the floor to the CCPB for any changes to the 15 January 2013 meeting minutes. Deborah Shakotko motioned to approve. John V. Florio, Jr. seconded. Vote: All in favor.

NYS GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §239-l, §239-m REFERRALS

1. #13-007– Town of Greenport Planning Board

Don S. Williams/Williams Lumber, Site Plan Review

The proposed action is modification of a previously approved site plan, which includes the removal of an existing storage building, outdoor material storage, a small booth and a small shed and the installation of a new storage building. The existing business is located at 3679 US Route 9 in the Town of Greenport, NY.

Recommendation: no apparent significant county wide or inter-community impacts.

Comments: None

Motion: Larry Saulpaugh Second: Timothy Stalker

Vote: #13-007

REGION	MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABST.	NOT PRESENT
1	Cheryl Gilbert				X
2	Timothy Stalker	X			
3	Deborah Shakotko	X			
4	John V. Florio, Jr.			X	
5	Arthur Koweek	X			
6	Larry Saulpaugh	X			
7	Alice Platt				X
8	Steve J. Savarese				X
At Large	George Super	X			
	TOTAL	5	0	1	3

2. #13-008– Town of Claverack Town Board

Adoption of the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2013, adopting a revised official town zoning map for the Town of Claverack.

Recommendation: no apparent significant county wide or inter-community impacts.

Comments: None

Motion: Deborah Shakotko Second: John V. Florio, Jr.

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Vote: #13-008

REGION	MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABST.	NOT PRESENT
1	Cheryl Gilbert				X
2	Timothy Stalker	X			
3	Deborah Shakotko	X			
4	John V. Florio, Jr.	X			
5	Arthur Koweek	X			
6	Larry Saulpaugh	X			
7	Alice Platt				X
8	Steve J. Savarese				X
At Large	George Super	X			
	TOTAL	6	0	0	3

3. #13-009– Town of Claverack Zoning Board of Appeals

Samuel C. Wright III/Daniel Zach Levy/Shireworks Productions, Inc.

Special Use Permit /Site Plan Approval

The proposed action is The Big Up, a temporary music, art and camping festival, August 8-11, 2013 on the Hemlock Hollow Farm located off County Route 11 near the intersection with Stevers Crossing Road in the Town of Claverack, NY.

Recommendation: MODIFICATION

Comments: The CCPB finds that the Big Up festival will likely result in significant County-wide and intercommunity impacts. The recommendation of Modification is based on the following considerations set forth in NYSGML Section 239 (1):

- (a) compatibility of various land uses with one another;
- (b) traffic generating characteristics of various land uses in relation to the effect of such traffic on other land uses and to the adequacy of existing and proposed thoroughfare facilities;
- (g) official municipal and county development policies, as may be expressed through comprehensive plans, capital programs or regulatory measures; and
- (h) such other matters as may relate to the public convenience, to governmental efficiency, and to the achieving and maintaining of a satisfactory community environment.

The CCPB notes that the promoters seek to implement an agritourism approach to market the Big Up in 2013, and recognizes that this event will likely attract thousands of visitors to the Town of Claverack, the Village of Philmont and Columbia County as a whole. It is conceivable that campers and festival goers may support various business entities in the vicinity of the Festival site, and may have a positive impact on the county economy. A "Tourism and Economic Impact" document is referenced in "Attachment to the Special Exception Use Permit Application Submitted to the Town of Claverack Planning Board, January 17, 2013", but is not included in the referral package.

The production of the Big-Up Music Festival requires a great deal of planning and coordination in terms of the site preparation, emergency services, traffic control, safety precautions, and public health compliance. A large influx of vehicles over a short duration of time will also alter the typical traffic patterns in the vicinity of the festival site. A Big Up Public Health and Safety meeting was held on 1/23/2013 to discuss the Emergency and Security Procedures Plan. Representatives from the following attended: The Big Up team, Columbia County Department of Health (CCDOH), Columbia County Emergency Services, Columbia County Emergency Management, Columbia County Sheriffs' Office, Greenport Rescue Squad, New York State Police, Columbia County Fire Coordinator, Columbia County 911, and Town of Claverack, Supervisor Robin Andrews. The production of the

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Big Up will require the coordination of all of these agencies in cooperation with the Big Up staff, vendors and private security team. Based on the information submitted the Emergency and Security Procedures Plan requires updating to include the evacuation plan and final EMS plan.

The CCPB recognizes that the application for a “Permit to Operate a Public Gathering Site” is in process with the CCDOH but is not complete. The applicant has also submitted a Noise Management Plan which identifies methods to minimize noise impacts to neighboring properties. The applicant is in the process of seeking the necessary reviews and approvals for the proposed festival which, in addition to the Town of Claverack Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review, involve various County and State agencies, area hospitals, emergency services, and the NYS Police.

The planning and coordination of the temporary site infrastructure that will be provided by private vendors is underway but not finalized. This includes contracts for services to provide potable water, garbage collection/removal, portable toilets, hand washing stations, grey water receptacles, ice and refrigeration, portable power and lighting, and security. Some of these contracts require review and approval by CCDOH.

The CCPB notes that the applicant may prepare a Plan to Limit Attendance, however, the number of people projected to attend the festival requires clarification as the information on the site plan differs from the numbers contained in other written documents submitted.

Also, other components necessary to hold the Big Up festival, are underway but have not yet been finalized, and include but are not limited to, the application to the New State Department of Health; 2013 Emergency Plan; Temporary Food Service Permits (TFS); final traffic plan; and, final site plan.

Motion: John V. Florio Second: Jr. Deborah Shakotko

Vote: #13-009

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1	Cheryl Gilbert				X
2	Timothy Stalker	X			
3	Deborah Shakotko	X			
4	John V. Florio, Jr.	X			
5	Arthur Koweek	X			
6	Larry Saulpaugh	X			
7	Alice Platt				X
8	Steve J. Savarese				X
At Large	George Super	X			
	TOTAL	6	0	0	3

EXEMPT ACTIONS - proposed actions exempt from mandatory referral **NYSGML §239-m.3. (c) – Germantown ZBA:** Judith Pedatella for a special permit to convert an existing single family residential structure to a two family residential structure

OLD BUSINESS

CCPB NOMINATIONS

As requested Patrice Perry sent e-mail notice that George Super, At-Large member, continues to serve in that capacity, as hold over, until such time either he is reappointed or his successor is appointed to serve as the At-Large member (NYS Public Officers Law Article 2).

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NEW BUSINESS

NEW YORK PLANNING FEDERATION (NYPF) CONFERNECE

The annual conference is scheduled for April 21-23, 2013 at the Gideon Putnam Resort & Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY. Early registration is through April 9, 2013. All members expressed interest in attending. The conference request will be brought to the County Government Committee to request approval to attend and is dependent upon available funds in Planning Department budget.

AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN (AFPP)

Chairman Stalker noted that draft version of the Columbia County AFPP is now open for public input. Information sessions where public input is being solicited are scheduled. The plan may be accessed on the County website, <http://www.columbiacountyny.com/CCAFPB/index.html>. CCPB members discussed the AFPP, and noted that: the plan had a broad scope; the LESA rating system identified areas under the greatest amount of pressure for development; and, the goal to educate municipal board members about agricultural land uses was positive. Columbia County is one of only a few counties in the State currently lacking an AFPP. The CCPB expressed general support of the plan and will send a letter of support.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stalker adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM. The next scheduled meeting is

Tuesday
19 March 2013, 6:30 PM
1st Floor Committee Room,
Columbia County Offices
401 State St,
Hudson, NY