

TOWN OF COLONIE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

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PRESENT: Chairperson Donovan, Members, Holland, Nardacci, Lane, Sullivan, Vaida, Counsel, Stuto, Director LaCivita

ABSENT: Member O'Rourke

* Chairperson Donovan called the meeting to order at 6:05PM at the Public Operations Center.

* Prior to any action taken on the night's agenda, the Planning Board received an overview of the processes currently in place from both Planning and Economic Development and Department of Public Works, Senior Planner Michael Lyons represented PEDD and Commissioner of Public Works represented DPW. The reason for such an overview was based on the addition of three new Planning Board members recently appointed at the January 8th Town Board meeting. New members include: Timothy Lane, appointed to a new three (3) year position replacing Peter Platt; Elena Vaida, appointed to a new three (3) year position replacing Mark Silo; and Michael Sullivan, appointed to complete the remaining year of former Member Cosgrove's three-year position, which had been temporarily filled by Member Lane.

* The minutes of December 16, 2008 were read and unanimously adopted as amended on a motion by Chairperson Donovan and seconded by Member Lane.

* The Board scheduled a Public Hearing for the proposed 14 lot subdivision, **History Hills Court SD02-003 at 617 & 619A Watervliet Shaker Road**. The Public Hearing is scheduled for February 10, 2009 at 7:15PM Motion made by Member Nardacci, 2nd by Member Lane, carried by a vote of 6-0.

* **Norton Medical/ Office Building, 5 Kross Keys Drive** - The project before the Board was for an amendment to the prior approval granted on June 3, 2008. The developers, John and Jack Norton were proposing to shift the building closer to the road by 18 feet, changing the grade of the finished floor by 0.25 feet and providing two (2) additional parking spaces bringing the total parking spaces provided for the site to 158.

Both Michael Lyons, Sr. Planner from the Town of Colonie and Joseph Bianchine from ABD Engineers described the project and the changes identified above. There was no need for a SEQR action as the proposed changes to the project did not affect the size of the office building or any other impacts to the site. Therefore the negative declaration still applies from its adoption on June 5, 2007.

Various Planning Board members addressed the issue of sidewalks to the front of the medical/office building as noted by PEDD recommendations. Member Nardacci asked the developer if the project was to receive approval tonight if the request for sidewalks were a condition would that constrain the project. The developers agreed to place sidewalks within the front of the office area to create an area where cars would be able to safely drop off and pick up patients who were there for the medical component of this building. With that said a motion to approve the amendment was made by Member Nardacci, 2nd by Member Holland and carried by a vote of 6-0.

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* With no other business adjournment was called for by Member Lane and 2nd by Chairperson Donovan at 7:50pm.

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