

1 PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY
2 TOWN OF COLONIE

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5 A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SABLE WOODS
6 AN 18 LOT PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION
7 LOCATED AT 277 CONSAUL ROAD
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9 THE TAPED AND TRANSCRIBED MINUTES of the above
10 entitled proceeding BY NANCY STRANG-VANDEBOGART
11 commencing on April 20, 2010 at 7:03 p.m. at the
12 Public Operations Center 347 Old Niskayuna Road,
13 Latham, New York 12110

14 BOARD MEMBERS:

15 CHARLES J. O'ROURKE, Chairman
16 ELENA VAIDA
17 PETER GANNON
18 PAUL ROSANO
19 TOM NARDACCI
20 MICHAEL SULLIVAN
21 PETER STUTO, Jr. Esq., Attorney for the
22 Planning Board

23 Also present:

24 Joseph LaCivita, Director, Planning and Economic
25 Development

Lynn Sipperly, Sipperly and Associates

Brad Grant, Barton and Loguidice

Fred Danby

Suzanne Perry-Potts

Chris Fernando

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1 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: The first project on
2 for this evening is a public hearing for Sable
3 Woods subdivision, 277 Consaul Road. It's an
4 18 lot residential subdivision, review and
5 action on concept acceptance and final plan.

6 MR. STUTO: Notice is hereby given that
7 pursuant to Section 276 of the Town Law, the
8 Town Planning Board of the Town of Colonie,
9 Albany, New York will meet and conduct a
10 public hearing at the Public Operations
11 Center, 247 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham in said
12 Town of Colonie, County of Albany, New York on
13 the 20th day of April, 2010 at 7:05 p.m. for
14 the purpose of hearing all persons upon the
15 approval, modification, or disapproval of a
16 certain residential subdivision plat in the
17 Town of Colonie, County of Albany known as
18 Sable Woods consisting of approximately 18.56
19 acres of land located at 277 Consaul Road to
20 be divided into 18 lots. Dated April 14, 2010,
21 Town of Colonie Planning Board, C.J. O'Rourke,
22 Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Thank you, Pete.

24 For those of you in the audience that
25 haven't attended a Planning Board meeting,

1 they've changed slightly. The way that we go
2 about our business here is we'll be updated by
3 the Planning and Economic Department.
4 Joe LaCivita will bring us up to speed. Then
5 we'll ask the applicant to present the project
6 and then if there is a town designated
7 engineer in the project, they will then speak.
8 If there is not a town designated engineer,
9 then it will open to the board members for
10 specific questions in regard to the project.
11 When the board is through asking their
12 questions, we will then open it up to those of
13 you in the audience who would like to go on
14 the record this evening. What I do ask you
15 beforehand is that if you do speak, please
16 enunciate clearly your name and your address
17 so that it can be transcribed properly in the
18 record.

19 Joe, if you just want to give us some
20 background?

21 MR. LACIVITA: I can give you a brief
22 summary of the history of the project.

23 In '84 the Town of Colonie, through the
24 department coordinating committee meeting
25 January 24, 2007 - the proposal was for an 18

1 unit subdivision. It is in a single family
2 residential zoning district that has a
3 conservation overlay attached on the property.
4 It is in the Lisha Kill/Kings Road GEIS.

5 The conservation findings were adopted by
6 the Planning Board February 15, 2007. There is
7 no expiration of these findings for the Land
8 Use Law.

9 Concept acceptance was initially granted
10 July 7, 2007 and had no expiration on that, as
11 well. Portions of the site lie within the
12 town's protected watercourse area and a
13 variance has been issued by the town's
14 Significant Environmental Areas Management
15 Appeals Board, better known as SEAMAB for the
16 disturbance of a portion of the protected
17 area.

18 Town departments have reviewed the plans.
19 Like I said, it's been before the Planning and
20 Economic Development Department since January
21 of 2007.

22 I'll turn it over to Mr. Sipperly.

23 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Thanks, Joe.

24 MR. SIPPERLY: Mr. Chairman, members of
25 the Planning Board good to see you again.

1 Sable Woods residential subdivision is a
2 conservation subdivision located on the west
3 side of Consaul Road surrounded by a
4 residential subdivision on our north, our
5 south is Vanessa Court, this is Oakmont
6 Terrace, across the road on the west side of
7 the development and over here are lands of the
8 West Albany Rod and Gun Club. We have 172 feet
9 of frontage on Consaul Road in this area
10 (Indicating). The utilities on Consaul Road
11 are water and sewer and we propose to extend
12 those utilities to provide water and sewer
13 service to lots within the subdivision.

14 As Joe mentioned, there are two protected
15 watercourses on the property. One is at the
16 northerly side of the line right here and that
17 is a 100 foot buffer. The second one is really
18 at our southwest corner. That's the blue line
19 in this area right here (Indicating).

20 We have received a variance from the
21 SEAMAB board basically in two areas. One
22 variance is for this detention basin to exist
23 within the buffer area (Indicating). A second
24 was for the outlet of the two detention basins
25 to actually be constructed to the physical

1 stream because there is a stream right here.

2 The subdivision laid out in this
3 conservation area provides for a larger area
4 of open space for preservation of lands;
5 approximately 12.86 acres. The preservation of
6 lands is approximately 68% of the property.

7 We're proposing two new streets. One is
8 Craigmere Lane which is approximately 700 feet
9 long, and also Brisbane Court which is about
10 500 feet in length.

11 The topography of the property kind of
12 flows northeast to southwest in this direction
13 here (Indicating) and we have a detention
14 basin in this location here and a second
15 detention basin over here to both attenuate
16 the stormwater off the site caused by
17 additional development and also for water
18 quality.

19 When we were before the SEAMAB board,
20 they recommended to the Planning Office that
21 this open space area conveyed to the Town of
22 Colonie. There is an area right here
23 (Indicating) that is currently owned by the
24 Town of Colonie. It's kind of a watercourse
25 protection parcel and they feel that this open

1 space area here would be a natural extension
2 of that. If the Town of Colonie is not a party
3 to accept this open space area, then our plan
4 would be to convey it to a nature conservancy
5 type operation, or a not for profit operation.
6 An organization that would be stewards to make
7 sure that it is open space and keep it
8 undeveloped space so that there is no
9 development within this parcel.

10 One of the lots is affected by the buffer
11 area. The rear line in some instances is
12 coincident with the 100 foot buffer line and
13 that's along here (Indicating). SEAMAB has
14 asked us to install a physical fence. We
15 propose a vinyl post and rail type fence so
16 that it will be a physical marker for lot
17 owners here to tell them that's the beginning
18 of the protected lands of the Colonie. Where
19 the property line does not directly abut the
20 buffer line, the SEAMAB board has asked us to
21 install signs which indicate that area beyond
22 this here is protected lands. So, where we
23 actually border the boundary of the 100 foot
24 buffer, there will be a physical fence. Where
25 the buffer goes beyond the lots, these areas

1 would have signs indicating that this is a
2 protected environmental area.

3 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Can you show the
4 board where the actual 82 feet under the
5 protected water course is going to be?

6 MR. SIPPERLY: It's actually 100 on
7 either side.

8 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Isn't there
9 proposed -

10 MR. SIPPERLY: Oh, yes. There are also
11 federal wetlands on the site. Our impact to
12 federal wetlands is .03 acres.

13 This impact is caused by the sanitary
14 sewer. The sanitary sewer is presently located
15 at this location down here (Indicating).
16 They're doing it by gravity to service this
17 development; we need to cross this watercourse
18 in this location here (Indicating). That's
19 driven mostly by the invert or the depth of
20 the sewer. The sewer is quite shallow at this
21 point here. As we extend it, we're losing
22 grade so that if we were to put the road - the
23 sewer would only be actually be a foot under
24 the pavement which would freeze and not be
25 adequate coverage. We're actually coming from

1 this route here (Indicating). We could
2 maintain the proper coverage over the sanitary
3 sewer and also achieve a gravity sewer
4 situation for the development. That's the
5 preferred grade to construct sewers as per the
6 Pure Waters Department.

7 Our impact is really this area right here
8 (Indicating). Between my two fingers right
9 here is the 82 feet and that's really caused
10 by the sewer that has to come above the
11 stream. We're going to put a culvert in here
12 and then put a berm on top and the sewer would
13 be within that berm to maintain coverage and
14 provide for working areas because the sewer
15 has to be maintained. This is where the impact
16 to SEAMAB occurs. This is also the area where
17 we have application to the Corp of Engineers
18 for a permit.

19 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: But it's going under
20 the stream?

21 MR. SIPPERLY: No, it's going above the
22 stream. We're actually going to pipe the
23 stream and then above that we're going to put
24 the sanitary sewer. So, we have the bottom of
25 the stream and you've got a culvert and then

1 we would put in that 80 foot section. We would
2 put the fill over the top of the culvert and
3 in that fill that's where the sanitary sewer
4 would be kept.

5 To give you some numbers: Over the
6 culvert we would have that 80 foot of area and
7 we would maintain four feet from the surface.
8 We'll also maintain a four foot clearance on
9 that from the culvert underneath. That's
10 really to achieve this gravity service to the
11 subdivision. We have discussed this many times
12 with Pure Waters and talked to the Army Corp
13 of Engineers about moving this back and forth
14 and it doesn't work for us. If we move it in
15 this direction here (Indicating), we still
16 have the same impacts. If we move it out to
17 Consaul Road, it just doesn't work at all. If
18 you can picture the sewer is almost out of the
19 ground.

20 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: And there is a force
21 main on the other side?

22 MR. SIPPERLY: There is a force main
23 providing service for these two lots right
24 here (Indicating), which goes in this
25 direction and to the sewer on Oakmont Terrace.

1 Actually it's a grinder pump for these two
2 homes right here. So in total, these three
3 homes here are on this force main that starts
4 right here (Indicating).

5 The project head has gone through the
6 reviews of all the town departments, Pure
7 Waters, DPW and the Planning Office in
8 response to all their comments. That's why
9 we're back before this board.

10 We actually started this application
11 prior to what Joe had mentioned. We started it
12 in 2006. Actually, it was before the current
13 Land Use Law that was adopted by the Town of
14 Colonie. At that time this was zoned A3
15 residential and we planned it as a
16 conventional subdivision where we had lots
17 that extended back here and we were using this
18 area here for lots also. The yield is the
19 same; 18 lots and 18 lots. Once the new town
20 Land Use Law was adopted and assumed and this
21 conservation overlay was placed, we were asked
22 to take a look at it for development of the
23 conservation overlay procedure. That's why we
24 kind of brought the development lots across
25 this wetland to use this area right here

1 (Indicating).

2 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: With it being in the
3 conservation overlay, what does it reduce the
4 lots size to?

5 MR. SIPPERLY: The average lot size is
6 about 10,000 square feet. The lot size for an
7 SRF zone is 18,000 square feet. Times have
8 changed to where we're looking at putting in
9 cottage type homes as opposed to large
10 two-story homes. We envision these to be
11 probably one story homes, about 1,700 or 1,800
12 square feet and a two car garage. The small
13 lots are also very much en vogue today with
14 regard to yard maintenance. These are really
15 attractive to mature adults, young
16 professionals, young couples who don't want to
17 be required to do a lot of yard maintenance
18 and mow lawns and things like that.

19 We would probably see that there would be
20 some kind of an association set up. It might
21 not be an association, but a plan set up where
22 we would have common care of the grounds. It
23 also allows a large area of local space which
24 creates a buffer between existing homes and
25 development. It also provides a larger

1 separation between proposed homes and lands of
2 the Albany Rod and Gun Club. The closest home
3 here would be approximately five feet from the
4 property line. There is a large buffer as you
5 can see that occurs.

6 Also a benefit to the town in the future
7 is that it reduces the paving costs and
8 plowing costs. They are significantly reduced.
9 The tax benefit to the town will remain the
10 same of 18 lots. Again, I think as part of
11 green development, this will reduce the amount
12 of impervious area that has to be treated and
13 detained for stormwater quality.

14 That's what we're proposing for a
15 subdivision. I know that this board has not
16 seen this subdivision until this evening in
17 your packets, but we feel that we have
18 addressed all the comments of the utility
19 systems and it has been reviewed by the town
20 departments. The next step would be to go to
21 the Albany County Health Department.

22 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Peter?

23 MR. GANNON: Can you describe the
24 condition of that land that you're designating
25 for conservation and if there is in your

1 opinion any potential uses - any benefit other
2 than the preservation of the open space.

3 MR. SIPPERLY: We do have a really large
4 area here that is usable land (Indicating).
5 The soils out here are sandy type soils.
6 They're good soils. The real benefit to the
7 town is the opportunity actually for the town
8 and for the neighborhood. This is an
9 opportunity to provide or maintain a
10 significant amount of green area that they're
11 accustomed to right now to provide protection
12 of these two watercourses.

13 MR. GANNON: Could there be a recreation
14 use?

15 MR. SIPPERLY: We could provide for that.
16 That could be recreational use back there.

17 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Mr. Sipperly, could
18 you please use the microphone?

19 MR. SIPPERLY: Sure.

20 There are areas on this open space
21 preservation area of lands that would be
22 suitable for recreation area. This area right
23 here, again, is all uplands and it's not
24 affected by the wetlands. The access to this
25 parcel really would occur through the parcel

1 here that's owned by the Town of Colonie right
2 here. We have not provided for any access to
3 this parcel because we're really trying to
4 keep it open space without a lot of activity.

5 MR. GANNON: My only other question right
6 now is about the sewer system. You indicated
7 that you have come into compliance with the
8 department's request.

9 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes.

10 MR. GANNON: So you have accepted their
11 recommendation that they made in there from
12 March 1st?

13 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes. The preferred way to
14 service as per the Pure Waters Department is
15 by gravity. The other option would be to have
16 rider pumps in each unit with a low pressure
17 main to this point over here (Indicating). A
18 pump station is a lot more cost and
19 maintenance to the Town of Colonie to the Pure
20 Waters Department just because it's a major
21 improvement and installation. A pump station
22 has a 15 year life where they need to be
23 upgraded. Also, they are inspected every
24 couple of days to check and make sure that
25 everything is functioning properly. So, the

1 gravity sort of eliminates all of that. That's
2 why they put a gravity sewer in.

3 MR. GANNON: That's all I had right now.

4 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Thanks, Pete.

5 Mike?

6 MR. SULLIVAN: Mr. Sipperly, I just had
7 one question. Can you show me where the fire
8 hydrants are provided in the subdivision?

9 MR. SIPPERLY: There are a lot of lines
10 on this drawing and that's why you can't find
11 it.

12 MR. SULLIVAN: I found one at the end of
13 one of the cul-de-sacs.

14 MR. SIPPERLY: Typically, you put them at
15 the end of the cul-de-sacs. There is one right
16 here (Indicating). You have to do that for
17 flushing. There should be one in this area
18 here. There is a hydrant right here also at
19 this location along this lot line
20 (Indicating).

21 MR. SULLIVAN: My reason for asking is
22 that I came across a memo from Peter Lattanzio
23 dated June 21, 2007. This was a comment on the
24 concept submission from a Chief of the Midway
25 Fire Department. He requested having an

1 additional fire hydrant installed on the
2 property lines between 2 and 4 Craigmore Lane.
3 I couldn't find one there. I was wondering if
4 perhaps that had been addressed in a later
5 correspondence or if the lots had been
6 renumbered in some manner.

7 MR. SIPPERLY: There is a hydrant at this
8 location here on Consaul Road. There is
9 probably another hydrant as we proceed
10 southerly. I think what happened is there
11 might be a conflict between what the fire
12 department requests and what Latham Water
13 finds to be fire protection. The spaces
14 between fire hydrants typically don't exceed
15 500 feet. We have to kind of build what Latham
16 Water requests.

17 MR. SULLIVAN: I couldn't find one when I
18 looked at the plans that I have in the packet.

19 MR. SIPPERLY: I don't believe that there
20 is another one. I think that Latham Water
21 indicated that between this hydrant and the
22 one up here and one up here (Indicating), they
23 would have adequate fire protection.

24 MR. SULLIVAN: Joe are you aware of any
25 correspondence that occurred after this?

1 MR. LACIVITA: Not to my knowledge, Mike,
2 but I can certainly go through the packet now.

3 MR. SULLIVAN: That's fine. That was my
4 main concern. I just wanted to make sure that
5 we have them there if it's required or if it
6 has been addressed at a later date.

7 MR. SIPPERLY: I think that it's been
8 addressed in the regard that Latham Water
9 seems to have the jurisdiction of the fire
10 hydrants and what the locations are and the
11 spacing.

12 MR. SULLIVAN: Okay, we can check to see
13 if there is any other correspondence from
14 them. Thank you.

15 That's all I had C.J.

16 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Thanks, Mike.

17 Elena?

18 MS. VAIDA: When you were initially
19 speaking, did you say that the stormwater was
20 going to be discharging into a stream?

21 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes. The stormwater from
22 the development is going to be collected and
23 brought down to this detention basin here
24 (Indicating). A portion of the site would be
25 brought to this detention basin here. These

1 detention basins are again, for a continuation
2 of flows and also for water quality. The
3 outlet of these detention basins will be to
4 the stream here and to the stream here
5 (Indicating). This is where the property
6 drains into. It's kind of a natural topography
7 of land.

8 MS. VAIDA: And then did you also say
9 that before it discharges to the stream that
10 there is going to be some sort of treatment?

11 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes. Stormwater management
12 now evolves to what is the storage of
13 additional waters that are caused by
14 development; and also water quality treatment.
15 We have the appropriate ways to treat the
16 water that goes off the site.

17 MS. VAIDA: That was one of my concerns
18 was getting discharge into the stream. I guess
19 the treatment is also to protect the lands
20 against pollution of any kind getting into the
21 streams or chemicals from treating the lawns
22 and things like that.

23 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes, that's the intent of
24 that. During construction sediment control is
25 in check so that the stream does not see

1 sediment from erosion on the site during
2 construction and also after construction
3 again, whatever else may come off of the
4 pavement or fertilizers from one area and have
5 the opportunity to be treated and discharged.

6 MS. VAIDA: And when you initially filed
7 your application, I guess the original plan
8 was to have the sanitary sewers on
9 Consaul Road - that you were actually going to
10 connect to those.

11 MR. SIPPERLY: We are. We're actually
12 connecting at this location right here
13 (Indicating). This is the last manhole on
14 Consaul Road. From here the sewer flows in
15 this direction, southerly. There is no sewer
16 along this section of Consaul Road. It's
17 really because Consaul Road here is like a
18 crest point and it goes down to a low point
19 here (Indicating) and then it goes back up.

20 MS. VAIDA: So you're saying that the
21 original proposal for the connection hasn't
22 changed so this is the original application
23 that has been the same all along.

24 I was a little surprised at the
25 environmental assessment form. The answer to

1 the question whether there is any possible
2 adverse impact on existing air quality surface
3 or groundwater quality drainage, potential for
4 erosion -- the answer to that was no after you
5 ran through the issues that seem to have come
6 up during the process. Could this be amended,
7 do you think, or do you think that answer is
8 still no?

9 MR. SIPPERLY: I think it's still no.
10 We're not going to effect air quality.

11 MS. VAIDA: I know that.

12 MR. SIPPERLY: The only impact is really
13 traffic. That's not really even effective. We
14 have 18 lots here and I think that the traffic
15 is 15 vehicles in the a.m. peak hour and 19 at
16 the p.m. peak hour. Again, the stormwater
17 detention basins are the same as is required
18 for all development now; both in Colonie and
19 in New York State in regard to detention and
20 quality. It's actually better than it was
21 years ago because DEC has increased the
22 requirements in regard to stormwater
23 treatment. I don't think that there would be
24 any opportunity for pollution of this stream;
25 no more than would occur if something were to

1 happen on Consaul Road. By that I mean if
2 there's an accident here or there was some gas
3 from a car that leaked into the sewer system.
4 This stream is actually flowing in this
5 direction here (Indicating). So, we're kind of
6 upstream from Consaul Road.

7 MS. VAIDA: Had you always been planning
8 to do the culvert to gain access?

9 MR. SIPPERLY: It was really the only
10 practical route. We came across Consaul Road
11 with a gravity service. We could do that with
12 a force main. A force main and pump station
13 requires energy so there is electricity for
14 the pumps and it requires town enforcement for
15 maintenance and inspection and it requires
16 some replacement over a period of time - at
17 least for a pump station component.

18 MS. VAIDA: Is that the way that you were
19 planning on doing it from the beginning?

20 MR. SIPPERLY: No. The directive of Pure
21 Waters and the Town of Colonie has not changed
22 in probably 40 years. The gravity is the
23 preferred.

24 That's all I had.

25 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Paul?

1 MR. ROSANO: If I was going to buy the
2 lot at 14 Craigmere and I was in my backyard
3 on a Thursday night or a Sunday afternoon,
4 would I be hearing gunshots?

5 MR. SIPPERLY: You probably would. You
6 would in the sense that I live off of Vly Road
7 probably two miles from here and I hear gun
8 shots. They're not such that it's alarming,
9 but I do hear it as background noise.

10 MR. ROSANO: Could you show me on a map
11 approximately where the range is? I know that
12 there is nothing there now but since you live
13 in that area -

14 MR. SIPPERLY: I'm not a member of the
15 Rod and Gun Club, but my understanding is that
16 the range is probably over in this area here.

17 MR. ROSANO: That's the drive way in,
18 right?

19 MR. SIPPERLY: Right.

20 MR. ROSANO: Would you know where the
21 range is, sir?

22 FROM THE FLOOR: My house is here and the
23 range is just about here (Indicating). They
24 shoot right about here (Indicating)

25 MR. ROSANO: Yeah, that was my next

1 question. If you're going to build a house,
2 people need to know. They don't want to be
3 startled on Thursday night when it sounds like
4 World War III is going on.

5 MR. SIPPERLY: That's something that I
6 didn't mention. We would put that in the deed
7 so that anyone that purchases in here is well
8 informed.

9 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Tom?

10 MR. NARDACCI: Concept acceptance has
11 expired from 2007, right?

12 MR. SIPPERLY: I don't know if it has
13 expired. Since 2007 we have really been in the
14 mill of submitting drawings to the departments
15 and we have received comments back and have
16 resubmitted them. There has been no hiatus on
17 our part or on the part of the subdivision to
18 respond to any comments received by the
19 departments. There was a long delay between
20 the time that we would submit comments and
21 then receive comments back. You can see why it
22 started in 2007 and now it's 2010.

23 MR. NARDACCI: So tonight we're solicited
24 to do review and action on concept acceptance
25 and on the final plans. Tonight we're going to

1 take action on concept acceptance.

2 MR. SIPPERLY: That's because the board
3 has never seen it. This board hasn't had the
4 opportunity to see this plan because it was
5 really presented three years ago.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Remember that I
7 haven't gone yet, Mr. Sipperly.

8 MR. LACIVITA: I think that in the PDD
9 summary, it does say in the first paragraph
10 there that concept acceptance was initially
11 created on July 7, 2007. It has in fact
12 expired based on the time frames and based on
13 the Land Use Law in 2007. That's why it says
14 necessitating a new action on concept prior to
15 consideration on final subdivision approval.

16 Mr. Sipperly is correct, though. As you
17 look through the history of the project, they
18 have been responding back and forth. I think
19 we finally got packaging and answers done but
20 I think that probably on the developers' part,
21 I don't see a request for extension happening
22 during the course of it or during the course
23 of the review process.

24 MR. NARDACCI: Is there a reason why you
25 haven't requested an extension?

1 MR. SIPPERLY: I guess that the reason is
2 that we were not aware of it. There was no
3 interruption in our proceeding to final
4 subdivision plan with any acts on our part.

5 MR. NARDACCI: I'm asking because this is
6 something that we have seen a few times. I
7 think that trying to get to the root of why
8 did this lapse? Why didn't you file for an
9 extension? I think that it's important to
10 understand. You've been communicating back and
11 forth on the issue and on this plan. I'm just
12 trying to understand how we get to this point
13 where we have to do concept again.

14 The other part of it is I'm uncomfortable
15 with having an item listed that we're seeing
16 for the first time and we're expected to
17 review action on a concept as well as final.
18 We wouldn't do it on other projects and I
19 understand that this came before a prior board
20 and review and granted concept. For us, this
21 is the first time that we're reviewing it. I
22 would want to see this project undergo the
23 same review by this board that any other
24 subdivision that you brought here has to go
25 through. I understand the prior but I guess

1 that's just a general comment. That's for us
2 here. They've been working through the
3 departments for three years too. It's not for
4 you. It's rhetorical.

5 The other question that I have is where
6 are you with SEQRA?

7 MR. SIPPERLY: I believe that we got
8 SEQRA approval on concept.

9 MR. NARDACCI: That's another issue that
10 we've talked about recently. Looking at the
11 SEQRA document that's here and signed by a
12 previous Chairman and looking at the minutes
13 at the Planning Board meeting, there was no
14 vote taken on SEQRA. We have a signed SEQRA
15 form. Do you remember that in July of 2007?
16 Did the Planning Board take a vote on SEQRA?

17 MR. SIPPERLY: My experience has been
18 that on projects that they did two actions.
19 One would be the acceptance of SEQRA and the
20 second would be concept plan approval.

21 MR. NARDACCI: Well in the minutes from
22 2007, we have review and action on concept.
23 But we don't have any review and action on
24 SEQRA. This is where we get to the territory
25 that we've discussed at recent meetings and

1 while the process has changed now that we're
2 not going to review SEQRA and approve it at
3 concept because three years from now, we don't
4 have minutes to show us what happened that
5 night. How am I supposed to know July 10, 2007
6 if it was properly approved? In our own
7 minutes it doesn't say that there was a vote.
8 I have a problem with that. So our preview as
9 a board and our responsibility is that we have
10 to also take up SEQRA once again. That's our
11 right. That's something that we talked about
12 before.

13 Furthermore on top of that, in our
14 packets we have another EAF form filled out
15 separately unsigned. Here's July 10, 2007.
16 It's a signed form by Chairman Platt. It's
17 signed by Kevin DeLaughter. Then in our packet
18 we have an EAF form, no date, signed by Kevin
19 DeLaughter with Jean Donovan, Chairperson and
20 no signature. What does this mean for us?

21 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I can explain that.
22 That was supposed to come to the board and the
23 prior Chairman put it off and didn't allow it
24 to come to the board. I believe that Kevin
25 prepared that for that meeting and it just

1 never happened. It never came before us.

2 MR. NARDACCI: At that prior meeting we
3 were expected to take action on SEQRA. That's
4 why we have this form, right? The meeting was
5 put off and didn't happen. Yet tonight we're
6 here with no action on SEQRA. The whole point
7 here is fairness and equity for all projects.
8 This doesn't show fairness in my book. I just
9 want to be equitable. So I think we're going
10 to need another SEQRA application that we can
11 review and approve.

12 MR. SIPPERLY: In all fairness, again, we
13 were proceeding in good faith. I can't attest
14 to the housekeeping of the prior Planning
15 Board. To my knowledge, It's not the
16 applicants responsibility to keep the minutes
17 of the meeting.

18 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I agree. There are
19 some responsibilities that I'm going to get
20 into that are of the applicant.

21 MR. NARDACCI: I think that these are
22 important issues. Some of my comments were
23 rhetorical. There is a lot of work that has
24 been done on this. I have looked through the
25 entire packet for the last few years. There

1 are a lot of analyses, engineering reports,
2 stormwater and Latham Water work, but it's
3 incomplete in my opinion. I feel bad for you
4 too because you're coming here tonight as a
5 professional expecting to have concept review
6 and then possibly final. You have a property
7 owner, who is waiting to get a phone call to
8 see well whether they'll get the final.

9 MR. SIPPERLY: That's exactly right.

10 MR. NARDACCI: I just can't see how we do
11 it, in my opinion. It just wouldn't be
12 equitable.

13 MR. LACIVITA: Tom, I agree.

14 C.J., if I may, I just want you to look
15 at the July 10, 2007 minutes. There is a
16 paragraph that says, and again, I can't attest
17 to how the prior Planning Board acted or voted
18 upon actions, but it certainly looked like
19 this was an all encompassing action which they
20 may have taken on July 10th. I'm hopeful that
21 the Planning Department didn't mislead you in
22 April by giving you another SEQRA because it
23 certainly doesn't say that SEQRA was acted
24 upon here. It's like an all encompassing
25 action where it talks about the Planning Board

1 reviewing the plans, the environmental
2 assessment form and the application. It speaks
3 that the proposal would have significant
4 impact but it never talks -- we split out the
5 SEQRA action and we split out everything so we
6 can go back and say that it was done. So, I
7 can't tell you that in fact it was. I think
8 that's why the Planning Board may have given
9 you that April action to say vote on SEQRA
10 again. I don't think that it was clear what
11 was done here.

12 MR. NARDACCI: There is so much
13 uncertainty and they didn't transcribe minutes
14 as we do now. You can't go back in the record
15 and say, what was exactly done? I'm not
16 confident in what was done in the past. So
17 perhaps going forward we should, as a board,
18 take up SEQRA. We have the authority to take
19 up SEQRA again.

20 MR. STUTO: That's right.

21 MR. NARDACCI: What I would suggest
22 moving forward is that any plans that have
23 been around that are coming forward again that
24 we had SEQRA - that we let the applicant know
25 that we expect to take it up again.

1 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I don't think that's
2 fair in all cases. Again, I think that there
3 are certain circumstances and certain projects
4 that SEQRA is more significant than others.
5 Unfortunately, I think that this board is
6 handicapped by the fact that not all the time
7 in the past were things done in a manner that
8 coincided with the Land Use Law and the laws
9 of the town. That's as diplomatic as I think
10 that I probably can be.

11 So, unfortunately, Tom, my opinion is
12 that each project -

13 MR. NARDACCI: At least where it is
14 unclear.

15 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I agree with that. If
16 you are done, I have some things that I can
17 get into that are certainly specific to SEQRA
18 and certainly specific to this property,
19 certainly specific to the Land Use Law and
20 again I'd like to read into the record

21 The purpose of the conservation
22 development overlay district is to require the
23 use of conservation development design
24 principals to preserve open space and viable
25 agricultural lands.

1 Part of the responsibility of the
2 applicant is to prepare a conservation
3 analysis.

4 Was one of those done, Mr. Sipperly?

5 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes. The calculations are
6 shown on the plans. The constrained lands, the
7 unconstrained lands, and the percentage of
8 unconstrained lands which are set aside -

9 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I'm very familiar
10 with both the site and the plan. After I
11 walked this property and wiped the ticks off
12 myself I might take offense that there might
13 not be issues to the air with all the skunk
14 cabbage that is included in the swampland that
15 Mr. Weis owns. Unfortunately, the town doesn't
16 want to own that swampland. You can call it
17 whatever type land you want, but if I were to
18 take 10 reasonable people for a walk through
19 this property, the reasonable estimation would
20 be that it's swampland. So, especially those
21 that live on Vanessa Court -- that wetland
22 that you have right there - your detention
23 basin -

24 MR. SIPPERLY: The wetland is up here.
25 The detention basin is over here (Indicating).

1 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Right, but where your
2 detention basin is - that's very wet.

3 MR. SIPPERLY: The delineation of the
4 wetlands is shown on the drawing and you can
5 see that line is a dotted pattern. We can't
6 put detention in the wetlands. We really go in
7 there.

8 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I guess I'm not
9 understanding then what the applicant would
10 think that the Town of Colonie and the
11 taxpayers therein would want to own your
12 swampland which, by the way, doesn't fall into
13 it being preserved.

14 MR. SIPPERLY: The mention of the Town of
15 Colonie being perhaps a grantee for this
16 parcel is really a suggestion from the SEAMAB
17 board. If that is not the will or the
18 recommendation of this board, then we would
19 have this area -- we need to preserve it.

20 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I agree and I'll get
21 to SEAMAB in about three points.

22 Can you tell me with regard to the
23 history of this property - can you tell me
24 where the easement is for the rest of it? Is
25 that Brisbane? Up in the cul-de-sac of

1 Brisbane there is an easement that goes
2 through there.

3 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes. This is a proposed
4 easement.

5 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Right where that
6 cul-de-sac is there is a swamp. I have some
7 pictures that you can take a look at.

8 MR. SIPPERLY: That's an isolated
9 wetland. That's a wetland that was determined
10 by the Corp and had no connectivity to the
11 stream and watercourses.

12 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I understand that it
13 wasn't part of the ACOE ,but you're bringing
14 this project before this board to look at.
15 We're going to run infrastructure through this
16 property that the taxpayers of the Town of
17 Colonie are going to own, correct?

18 MR. SIPPERLY: Correct.

19 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: And I'm just having
20 some difficulty understanding. In my
21 estimation it's not this board's fault that
22 Mr. Weis bought preverbal swamp land. In my
23 estimation, the conservation overlay allows
24 you to have those 9,000 square foot lots but
25 it's not going to help the people that buy

1 them.

2 MR. SIPPERLY: Any wetlands over in this
3 area here would be totally removed. This will
4 have grades and be filled and there will be
5 positive drainage. There will be no character
6 of wetness left there in the soils when this
7 is developed.

8 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So that swamp land
9 that is between Brisbane and Oakmont, that
10 entire swamp land -

11 MR. SIPPERLY: Not the entire swamp land.
12 There are wetlands over here.

13 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: No, I walked that
14 property. That swamp land goes all the way
15 back to your gradient of 344, which is almost
16 to the end of your property.

17 MR. SIPPERLY: That's correct.

18 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Obviously this hill
19 where the 100 foot string buffer that you
20 show - that hill obviously isn't swamp land.

21 MR. SIPPERLY: Correct.

22 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Everything north of
23 that is swamp land.

24 MR. SIPPERLY: It's delineated on there.
25 It's no secret. The end of this wetland was

1 delineated on the map.

2 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I understand that,
3 but you did say that you did a conservation
4 analysis. I didn't see anything about swamp
5 land.

6 MR. SIPPERLY: Swamp land is considered
7 to be -- wetlands are considered to be
8 constrained lands.

9 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: You're going where
10 I'm trying to lead you. What are the
11 unconstrained lands?

12 MR. SIPPERLY: Unconstrained lands - is
13 10 acres.

14 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Okay and what are you
15 building on?

16 MR. SIPPERLY: The unconstrained
17 lands - we were required to take 40% of that
18 and add that to the conservation lands.

19 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: And where was that
20 done?

21 MR. SIPPERLY: The next sentence down.
22 Required reserved lands -

23 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Can you show the
24 board on the map, please?

25 MR. SIPPERLY: This whole area right here

1 on the map. As far as where the constrained
2 lands are?

3 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Yes.

4 MR. SIPPERLY: It's in here (Indicating),
5 here and any lands that are outside of the -

6 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So the town doesn't
7 want to own it. So, then what are we going to
8 do with it? What's the preservation? You can't
9 give it away. It has to be part of the site
10 and stay as part of preservation.

11 MR. SIPPERLY: There would be a
12 conservation easement, or it would be conveyed
13 to -

14 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Conveyed to whom?

15 MR. SIPPERLY: A land conservancy or
16 Albany County Land Conservancy.

17 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Have you checked to
18 see who would want your swamp land?

19 MR. SIPPERLY: We could also convey it to
20 the Rod and Gun Club if they wanted to take
21 it. They could accept it with a conservation
22 easement on it that they couldn't do anything
23 on the land, but they could own it. All we
24 need to do is set it aside so that it remains
25 open space with no development and the

1 environmental qualities of the property
2 remain.

3 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Did you guys do your
4 own SWPPP investigation?

5 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: You're familiar with
7 the culverts that run under Consaul?

8 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Anybody inspect
10 those?

11 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes, we did.

12 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So, what are you
13 doing about the one that is all rusted and
14 caved in halfway underneath the road?

15 MR. SIPPERLY: We inspected it and we
16 also asked the Town of Colonie Highway
17 Department to take a look at it. We also asked
18 them to check their records to see if there
19 was any flooding and they have no record of
20 flooding.

21 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Now that's how I have
22 difficulty because this is the second project
23 in two weeks that every town department has
24 signed off on. When a reasonable person goes
25 out and looks, I can't understand how somebody

1 says that those culverts are good. If it was a
2 town person that went, at least they should
3 have moved the shopping cart that's been there
4 at least 10 years because it's rusted apart.

5 Who is going to pay for those culverts
6 under the road?

7 MR. SIPPERLY: Certainly we're not.
8 That's the town culvert. Why should we be
9 paying for culverts under the town highway
10 that aren't under our jurisdiction? We pay
11 taxes and that's where the taxes go is to the
12 maintenance on roads and utilities. I don't
13 think that it's our responsibility to replace
14 culverts under the town highway. We would need
15 to replace it if due to our development, all
16 the sudden it becomes an issue. That's not the
17 situation. We studied and looked at the
18 capacity of that culvert and because we're
19 doing the stormwater detention, we're not
20 adding any more to that culvert.

21 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Let me ask you this,
22 then. Are these homes - you're going to put
23 basements in these homes?

24 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So, they're all going

1 to be on sump pumps.

2 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Every one.

4 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So is that figured
6 into your SWPPP analysis?

7 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes. We did our borings
8 and testing and we don't think that we have
9 groundwater.

10 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Sir, I hate to
11 dispute your facts, but where did you do your
12 borings?

13 MR. SIPPERLY: They're on the map also.
14 There is a series of test pits and all the
15 results are right here. They are represented
16 by these circles here. They are distributed
17 throughout the site. That's what we used. We
18 looked at the results of what the soils that
19 we encountered were and we left the holes open
20 in case there was some infiltration that we
21 would have an accurate reading and
22 groundwater.

23 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So the holes are open
24 right now?

25 MR. SIPPERLY: No. We dug them and we

1 just didn't fill them back in. We left them
2 open for an hour to see if any more filled
3 into the holes. It didn't. Where they did, we
4 indicated that. We dug the holes about nine
5 feet deep and it was dry. We came back an hour
6 later and we saw a little water in there so
7 they said the ground water is at nine feet or
8 wherever they saw that the water was.

9 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: What time of the year
10 did you possibly dig those test pits?

11 MR. SIPPERLY: Test pits were performed
12 April 12, 2007. We did it a second time. We
13 also did it on October 20, 2008.

14 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So roughly the same
15 time as right now, roughly.

16 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I'm not an engineer
18 but one thing that I am and that's reasonable
19 and I'm fair, and I'm telling you that if
20 somebody took a backhoe and dug nine feet
21 there, they'd sink that backhoe.

22 MR. SIPPERLY: I would respectfully
23 disagree with that.

24 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: We'll agree to
25 disagree on that.

1 Can you show me on the map where the two
2 sight distances were taken?

3 MR. SIPPERLY: Here is the other end of
4 the arrowhead. To this point right here we
5 have 480 feet of sight distance.

6 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I paced off 480 feet
7 and it's around the corner. How did that
8 position from 480 feet -- again I'm just
9 taking in account that Craigmore - is that
10 where the path is right off of Consaul right
11 now where all the number two stone goes up the
12 hill?

13 MR. SIPPERLY: Close to it. It might be
14 down here a little bit (Indicating). It might
15 be 50 or 70 feet.

16 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So when I went out
17 480 feet, I was beyond the corner. So I just
18 wanted to understand how the sight distance
19 was determined to be 480 feet.

20 MR. SIPPERLY: It was measured in the
21 field with survey equipment. The same as this
22 one up here is. We actually went out into the
23 field, set up on the side of the road and shot
24 down the road along side of the road to where
25 we could first see a car coming around the

1 corner. We did need to get off the road
2 because of the traffic, so we sat up here at
3 this point (Indicating) and sited down the
4 road to a point where we could first see a car
5 come around that bend and that's where we
6 measured.

7 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Sewer easements - did
8 you have to get an easement through some
9 property?

10 MR. SIPPERLY: Yes. We have a sewer
11 easement across the front of these three
12 properties. These two properties don't have
13 sewer right now. They're on septic systems.

14 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Okay, let me
15 understand it again. I just want to clarify
16 what Elena Vaida commented on.

17 Your actual proposal wasn't to go to
18 gravity. Pure Waters said that you're going to
19 gravity. You guys wanted to go to force main.
20 That's what the paperwork said. Whether or not
21 that's true or not, I don't know. That's in
22 our packet. It says that was what you wanted
23 to do and Pure Waters said, no, we want you to
24 go gravity.

25 MR. SIPPERLY: We made a first approach

1 to have grinder pumps at each unit.

2 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Yeah, there was. And
3 again that's why I'm just clarifying that for
4 the record, because that wasn't your initial
5 thing. It was to go with the gravity. So I'd
6 just like the facts to be used.

7 So, can you explain that sewer easement?

8 MR. SIPPERLY: Again, the last manhole on
9 Consaul Road is right here (Indicating). It's
10 in the center of the road. What happens here
11 is Consaul Road is actually going to a down
12 grade, but the land on these lots is above
13 Consaul Road. So the way that we could
14 maintain the gravity and cover on the sewer is
15 to come back and go across these front yards
16 (Indicating) and then go across the property
17 at this location here to provide gravity
18 service to the lots.

19 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So I'm sure that
20 you're using ductile pipe.

21 MR. SIPPERLY: We're probably using PVC
22 SDR 26 which is the standard material. It's
23 very similar to ductile iron. It's used by the
24 town and by Pure Waters Department.

25 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So the estimation on

1 elevating that and putting a stream through a
2 culvert -- it's a PVC culvert, right?

3 MR. SIPPERLY: The actual culvert is the
4 HDPD.

5 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: It's a high density
6 polyethylene,

7 MR. SIPPERLY: Right.

8 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: So then we're going
9 to cover it with four feet in steps, right?

10 MR. SIPPERLY: Right.

11 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: And then we're going
12 to go up that. And again, I'm just having
13 difficulty because here the town is going to
14 own this infrastructure.

15 MR. SIPPERLY: It would be very similar
16 to a road crossing.

17 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Right, except that
18 it's a stream, a protected watercourse.

19 MR. SIPPERLY: It's between what is best
20 for the town as far as a future maintenance
21 gravity system, and what are the impacts to
22 the water course are that was determined by
23 SEAMAB. I think that in their mind they also
24 took into consideration that there was a
25 potential amount of open space here which is a

1 benefit to nature and to the environment. So I
2 guess that they were looking to put their
3 environmental glasses on in approving that we
4 could -

5 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Sir, again, we will
6 just agree to disagree because that's swamp
7 land. You can call it whatever you want, but
8 it's swamp land.

9 In regard to the SEAMAB, I have a little
10 difficulty as does Tom with the SEQRA because
11 there is no significant environmental impacts.
12 Yet, this goes in front of the Significant
13 Environmental Areas Management Appeals Board.
14 So, there is no significant impact that this
15 development would create. Yet, you have to get
16 a variance from SEAMAB. Does that make sense?

17 MR. SIPPERLY: That's the town policy.

18 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Sir, let's not
19 confuse town policy versus the Land Use Law.
20 They're different.

21 MR. SIPPERLY: It might not be town
22 policy, but it's the town regulations.

23 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: In my opinion, sir,
24 if the SEQRA was done properly, this would
25 have been looked at as more than

1 insignificant. Any project that we've seen
2 that's had to have SEAMAB approval or Army
3 Corp has ended up with full EAFs.

4 MR. SIPPERLY: We were only requested to
5 prepare the short form.

6 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: And again, I really
7 don't have a whole lot more to go into. I have
8 some real reservations as a taxpayer in this
9 town that we're going to own this
10 infrastructure. I don't have the time or the
11 expertise to look at it.

12 What I'd like to do is if the rest of the
13 board agrees is to have Barton and Loguidice
14 who is a town designated engineer be our
15 expert and look at this project as far as all
16 the infrastructure that the residents and the
17 taxpayers of this town are eventually going to
18 own. If that were to open the need for SEQRA
19 to be reevaluated, we certainly would take
20 that expert engineering into consideration. I
21 don't think that we're ready to make any
22 motions on this project in terms of either
23 concept or final. If you do, please, for the
24 record state it now. If not, that's the
25 direction I'd like to move.

1 MR. NARDACCI: C.J., could you just
2 clarify the use of the TDE in circumstances
3 like this? Is this something that the town
4 pays for?

5 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: No. I actually read
6 into the record last meeting the portion of
7 the Land Use Law that allows any board to hire
8 expertise at the cost of the applicant for the
9 project to move forward. So, I'm looking for
10 that expertise to be done by Barton and
11 Loguidice in this instance. So, no, it will
12 not fall on the taxpayers of the Town of
13 Colonie. The cost will be borne by the
14 applicant.

15 MR. NARDACCI: I think that instances
16 like this where there are some significant
17 issues that need to be looked at, it's
18 definitely warranted and it's a good idea.

19 MS. VAIDA: I just wanted to comment
20 again back to the SEQRA. I actually think that
21 the SEQRA needs to be resubmitted and I'm not
22 sure if it should be the long form or the
23 short form, but I do feel strongly that the
24 answers to some of these questions are not
25 accurate. The question regarding the potential

1 for adverse impacts on architectural
2 historical agricultural in part two of the
3 form and you saying no doesn't seem to be
4 consistent with the comments throughout the
5 documents that we have. For instance ENCON
6 says in their comments:

7 The site appears to be located within a
8 potential archeological and or historic area.

9 Somewhere in here I saw a comment where
10 they asked for an archeological study to be
11 done.

12 MR. SIPPERLY: We have done that. That's
13 been submitted to the Planning Department.

14 MR. NARDACCI: Yes, that was in our
15 packet.

16 MS. VAIDA: The installation of the
17 sanitary sewer crossing of protected stream
18 corridor by installing the culvert also seems
19 to trigger a positive response to that
20 question. So I think that just needs to be
21 looked at again.

22 MR. SIPPERLY: And provide a proper
23 response.

24 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Mike, do you have
25 anything that you'd like to add?

1 MR. SULLIVAN: No.

2 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Peter?

3 MR. GANNON: No.

4 MR. LACIVITA: If I could just say that
5 I'll need to see if Barton and Loguidice is
6 the next one to receive a project.

7 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: I want Barton and
8 Loguidice on this because my concerns are
9 specifically stormwater. My biggest concern is
10 the stormwater and the sewer issue and I feel
11 most comfortable with Barton and Loguidice
12 handling that.

13 MR. SIPPERLY: Can I make a comment?

14 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: You may.

15 MR. SIPPERLY: We've been in this process
16 since 2006. We can document where we have not
17 lapsed in the concept approval and we've had
18 due diligence efforts in responding and
19 providing adequate design. We're now in 2010
20 and the developer has spent a lot of money on
21 engineering and studies. We would ask if we
22 could get into the TDE review quickly so that
23 we could get it back before the board?

24 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Absolutely. Actually
25 with the last project, the town designated

1 engineer that we brought in went and had a
2 meeting the very next week so he could develop
3 a cost structure. I think that's fair to the
4 applicant to ensure that they understand that
5 this is going to be the cost structure of this
6 review. That's what they're going to be
7 responsible for.

8 Certainly I think that's fair and within
9 10 days, Brad, you'll be able to have a
10 meeting, the cost structure and be able to
11 proceed forward?

12 MR. GRANT: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: And once through that
14 review, sir, I will guarantee absolute
15 promptness back in front of this board.

16 MR. SIPPERLY: That's much appreciated.

17 MS. VAIDA: Just one more quick thing on
18 this concept approval, since you brought it
19 up. It did expire and I was wondering if you
20 had filed a request for an extension.

21 MR. SIPPERLY: We did not because we did
22 not realize that we had to. If this expired it
23 was because the departments were
24 non-responsive. Is that our responsibility?

25 MS. VAIDA: It's in the Land Use Law that

1 you're supposed to make an application and I
2 assume that would have been your reasons that
3 you needed it extended because it was taking
4 so long.

5 MR. SIPPERLY: We would have to review
6 the Land Use Law to be familiar with that
7 point.

8 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Does anyone in the
9 audience want to comment?

10 Yes, sir.

11 MR. DANBY: I live at 264 Consaul Road. I
12 live the closest to where you're talking
13 about. It is wet. You're right what you're
14 saying about the land being wet.

15 Altering the stream to put the sewer in
16 doesn't seem right to put sewers underneath
17 and on top of the creek.

18 I don't have sewers in my house. If this
19 goes through, do I have to have a sewer?

20 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: No. Your septic
21 system is approved by Albany County. You don't
22 have to hook in.

23 MR. DANBY: Even though there are sewers
24 out in front of the house?

25 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: No.

1 MR. DANBY: When I built the house, they
2 almost told me that I had to hook up to the
3 sewer. They wanted me to hook up to that
4 manhole that he's talking about.

5 MR. STUTO: New construction is different
6 than existing. I don't believe that the town
7 law would require you to tie into the sewer,
8 but I'm not 100% positive about that.

9 MR. DANBY: Back in '84 -

10 MR. STUTO: You're saying at that time?

11 MR. DANBY: Yes, at that time. And when
12 the softball and soccer fields are in use, I
13 can't hardly drive and get out of that
14 driveway when they all let out.

15 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Yes, we encountered
16 that many places across the town. Again, it's
17 one of those things that is a double edged
18 sword. It's good that a lot of people want to
19 live in our town and spend money in our town
20 and yet there has got to be a balance to the
21 quality of life that we all look for as well.
22 So, that's a balancing act that we try to do
23 our best with but there is no magic answer to
24 that.

25 MR. DANBY: That's another thing. When I

1 found out about this at the last meeting, you
2 said something about the culvert. A little
3 farther down the road - down the stream to
4 where this water is going to go -

5 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: No, I went about half
6 way down the soccer field.

7 MR. DANBY: You've got to go farther back
8 there because trees are falling across there.
9 It's scouring out something fierce. I've seen
10 this thing increase width wise to about
11 10 feet at least; depth wise maybe four feet
12 in spots. Something should be looked at with
13 the Lisha Kill Creek at that point with the
14 town or whatever to do something about that
15 because they're going to dump that detention
16 in there.

17 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Brad, if you would
18 just give us for the people in the audience
19 that aren't familiar with the stormwater
20 regulations - if you could just tell them what
21 the regulations are and what the detention and
22 the allowable amount of water is?

23 MR. DANBY: Well, I understand most of
24 that. What I'm saying is that water has got to
25 go down that stream in time, right?

1 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Right, but again, if
2 this project goes forward and they're able to
3 develop that land, they can't put anymore
4 water into that stream corridor than is going
5 there now. By law, they can't. So, that's the
6 regulation.

7 MR. DANBY: That's the Lisha Kill Creek.
8 Is that the one that's on the map?

9 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Actually it says that
10 they were un-named in the ACOE. It also says
11 that they are tributaries to the Lisha Kill,
12 but it says that they are unnamed.

13 MR. DANBY: Something should be looked at
14 in that area. The soccer fields towards the
15 end where they extend this way at the end of
16 the soccer fields (Indicating) -- I'm getting
17 parts of my property - because part of that
18 creek is on my property and I'm getting the
19 trees falling over. I keep my end clean, but
20 the rest of it - somebody has got to go look
21 at that.

22 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: That's town swamp
23 land now so maybe I'll let the Supervisor know
24 to clean up some of the trees and swamp land
25 that somebody else has given us over the

1 years.

2 Anybody else?

3 Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. PERRY-POTTS: It's not a given that
5 land is going to be given to the Town of
6 Colonie, correct?

7 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: No. We don't want it.

8 MS. PERRY-POTTS: My name is Suzanne
9 Perry-Potts and I live over on Kings Road. I
10 think that it should be like a homeowners
11 association. I don't like the idea of it being
12 given to a nature conservancy either. Then in
13 a couple of years they could sell it to New
14 York State and then there will be state taxes
15 paid for this.

16 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Honestly, ma'am,
17 that's where I was going with that. My
18 understanding is that we can require that to
19 be done with an HOA. I want to confer with the
20 attorney on the board. There will be options
21 that they can do. There will be one preferred
22 by this board and I'm not ready to speak on
23 that yet.

24 MS. PERRY-POTTS: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: You're welcome.

1 Anyone else?

2 Yes, sir.

3 MR. FERNANDO: My name is Chris Fernando
4 and I live at 5 Oakmont Terrace. I don't think
5 that I have a whole lot to add so I'll be very
6 brief.

7 I just want to express the fact that I'm
8 very appreciative of the board taking this
9 time to be methodical and I'm sympathetic to
10 the situation that's been going on for three
11 or four years. I'm very appreciative the town
12 is thoroughly investigating this and the
13 impact on the environment and the quality of
14 life. I'm pleased about that. I just wanted to
15 mention that.

16 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Thank you, sir.

17 Anyone else?

18 **(There was no response.)**

19 CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE: Mr. Sipperly, Brad
20 will get on this and contact someone in your
21 office. Thank you.

22 MR. SIPPERLY: Thank you very much.

23 **(Whereas the proceeding concerning the**
24 **above entitled matter was adjourned at**
25 **8:20 p.m.)**

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