

1 PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

2 TOWN OF COLONIE

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4 RETAIL HOTEL PROPOSAL
5 277 WOLF ROAD & 652 ALBANY SHAKER ROAD
6 ACTION TO REQUEST LEAD AGENCY STATUS

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8 THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled
9 matter by NANCY STRANG-VANDEBOGART, a Shorthand
10 Reporter, commencing on February 11, 2014 at 7:02
11 p.m. at The Public Operations Center, 347 Old
12 Niskayuna Road, Latham, New York

11 BOARD MEMBERS:
12 PETER STUTO, CHAIRMAN
13 KATHY DALTON
14 TIMOTHY LANE
15 BRIAN AUSTIN
16 LOU MION
17 TINA GOODWIN SEGAL
18 SUSAN MILSTEIN

16 ALSO PRESENT:
17 Kathleen Marinelli, Esq., Counsel to the Planning Board
18 Michael Tengeler, Planning and Economic Development
19 Chuck Voss, PE, Barton and Logudice
20 Chris Bette, Columbia Development

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1 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Good evening everyone. It's
2 after 7:00 so we will commence the Planning Board
3 meeting of the Town of Colonie. Welcome. We'll get
4 started on the agenda. We have four items and some
5 should be quicker than others.

6 Mike is filling in for Joe.

7 Do you have any introductory remarks before we
8 move onto the first item on the agenda?

9 MR. TENGELER: No, I think that we can move right
10 onto the first item.

11 CHAIRMAN STUTO: This is somewhat routine. We saw
12 this project at the last Planning Board meeting.

13 This is the Retail Hotel Proposal. This is at
14 277 Wolf Road and 652 Albany Shaker Road. Actions
15 request lead agency status and we have Barton and
16 Loguidice as our Town Designated Engineer.

17 I don't know if the applicant wants to present
18 on this.

19 MR. BETTE: We weren't prepared to, but we can talk
20 about it.

21 CHAIRMAN STUTO: I don't think that it will be
22 necessary to take lead agency status.

23 MR. BETTE: Mr. Chairman, if you like, I can just
24 tell you where we have been.

25 CHAIRMAN STUTO: That would be great.

1 MR. BETTE: My name is Chris Bette and I'm with
2 First Columbia with the applicant for the project. We
3 were here in December/January for this project just for
4 sketch plan.

5 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Would you mind putting the Board
6 up just so that the public knows what you're talking
7 about?

8 MR. BETTE: I actually didn't even bring it.

9 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Okay.

10 MR. BETTE: This is the project on the corner of
11 Wolf Road and Albany Shaker Road.

12 We got your feedback on some of the variance
13 and things that we wanted to talk about, but the big
14 issue there was the need to go see the SEAMAB Board
15 because there is a protected water course on the
16 backside of the property. We made our application
17 to the SEAMAB Board. They heard us at the last
18 meeting and basically because of that action has to
19 occur first, SEQRA needs to be done and we're here
20 tonight. On your agenda is their request or your
21 request to take lead agency for that action at the
22 SEAMAB Board.

23 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Okay, thank you.

24 Chuck, are you prepared to walk us through what
25 that means to take lead agency and who has been

1 notification and all of that?

2 MR. VOSS: I was not involved in that directive,
3 Peter, but I can certainly brief the Board, if you like.
4 It's typically the Town Attorney's office. Actually
5 what the applicant is looking to do is because it's a
6 Type I action, this Board is required to effectively
7 conduct a coordinated review, if you will, through the
8 terms of SEQRA.

9 CHAIRMAN STUTO: All the involved agencies get
10 notified and have an opportunity to comment.

11 MR. VOSS: Correct, and what this Board tonight is
12 being asked to do is basically state your intent to be
13 lead agency to conduct the SEQRA review. Literally this
14 Board is the most appropriate Board to conduct that.

15 CHAIRMAN STUTO: So, this is just the beginning
16 initiation of the environmental review.

17 MR. VOSS: Yes, correct.

18 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Any comments or questions by the
19 Board Members?

20 (There was no response.)

21 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Do we have a motion to assume lead
22 agency status for this project?

23 MR. LANE: I'll make that motion.

24 MR. MION: I'll Second.

25 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Any discussion?

1 (There was no response.)

2 CHAIRMAN STUTO: All those in favor say aye.

3 (Ayes were recited.)

4 CHAIRMAN STUTO: All those opposed say nay.

5 (There were none opposed.)

6 CHAIRMAN STUTO: The ayes have it.

7 Thank you.

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11 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding was

12 concluded at 7:09 p.m.)

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I, NANCY STRANG-VANDEBOGART, Shorthand
Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of
New York, hereby CERTIFY that the record taken by me
at the time and place noted in the heading hereof is
a true and accurate transcript of same, to the best
of my ability and belief.

NANCY STRANG-VANDEBOGART

Dated February 24, 2014

