

1 PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

2 TOWN OF COLONIE

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LAURA DRIVE EXTENSION SUBDIVISION
100 DUSSAULT DRIVE
LANDSCAPING PLAN REVIEW

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6 THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled
7 matter by NANCY STRANG-VANDEBOGART, a Shorthand
8 Reporter, commencing on May 5, 2015 at 9:07 p.m. at
The Public Operations Center, 347 Old Niskayuna
Road, Latham, New York

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10 BOARD MEMBERS:
11 PETER STUTO, CHAIRMAN
12 LOU MION
13 BRIAN AUSTIN
14 SUSAN MILSTEIN
15 CRAIG SHAMLIAN

16 ALSO PRESENT:

17 Kathleen Marinelli, Esq. Counsel to the Planning Board

18 Joseph LaCivita, Director, Planning and Economic
19 Development

20 Joseph Bianchini, PE

21 Joseph Grasso, PE, CHA

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1 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Okay, the next project is Laura
2 Drive Extension subdivision, 100 Dussault Drive. This
3 is a landscaping plan review.

4 MR. LACIVITA: We kept this project last because
5 this one is going to have a lot of comments and
6 questions. Let the record show that we started at 9:07.

7 The Planning Board had asked us to bring this
8 back so that we could show a landscaping design to
9 see what we could do to buffer the project.

10 I'll turn this over to the applicant, Joe
11 Bianchini.

12 MR. BIANCHINI: This is very complex. You asked
13 for some screening between the proposed residential
14 properties here and the industrial land use over here.
15 We added a staggered row of a mix of pines and spruces
16 along this property line and then along the property
17 line here with the stormwater detention basin. I think
18 that we have 45 trees here and then we added another
19 five trees over here.

20 MR. GRASSO: This is the plan that we both
21 supported through a few iterations. The project was
22 approved conditionally on coming back to the Planning
23 Board with what the final Resolution was. There was
24 dissuasion about plantings, fencing or a combination
25 thereof. We are of the opinion that the plantings is a

1 better long-term solution for what we are trying to
2 screen here. Obviously, this project removes a
3 substantial wooded buffer right now. We do think that
4 it will open up views. This is showing 50 new trees.
5 We think that over time those will fill in. He has a
6 mix of pines and spruces which we support. We think
7 that it's a good visual screening. It may not be 100%.
8 Obviously not when they are first planted, but they are
9 pretty sizable six to eight footers. Over time I think
10 that it will be a good appropriate screening. Obviously
11 the tree residential lots can also do their own
12 screening if they have any immediate concern. But this
13 was really about trying to address impacts of the
14 neighborhood and not so much the new residences.

15 As we do this clearing, the homes along
16 Dussault and even across the street there are going
17 to have a different view shed now when they look
18 across the street.

19 I was appreciative that Joe was willing to
20 plant some trees on the [SIC] Collak property. They
21 came to the meeting and expressed some concern and I
22 think that can provide that immediately right in
23 their back yard. It's just off their back yard
24 actually. It think that it's in the Town right of
25 way but nonetheless, it's screening that would

1 immediately have a positive impact on the [SIC]
2 Collak's back yard view shed. This is what we
3 support and Joe has presented.

4 MR. LACIVITA: Motion to accept the plan.

5 MS. DALTON: I'll make a motion.

6 MR. LANE: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Any discussion?

8 (There was no response.)

9 All those in favor say aye.

10 (Ayes were recited.)

11 All those opposed say nay.

12 (There were none opposed.)

13 The ayes have it.

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16 (Whereas the above referenced proceeding was
17 adjourned at 9:14 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

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 June 16, 2015

