

1 PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

2 TOWN OF COLONIE

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4 NORTHERN PASS PDD
1226 LOUDON ROAD
5 AMENDMENT TO PDD AND RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN BOARD

6 THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled
7 matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter,
8 commencing on August 23, 2016 at 7:56 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 SUSAN MILSTEIN
14 CRAIG SHAMLIAN
15 BRIAN AUSTIN

16 ALSO PRESENT:

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18 Kathleen Marinelli, Esq. Counsel to the Planning Board
19 Joseph LaCivita, Planning and Economic Development
20 Department
21 Michael Tengeler, Planning and Economic Development
22 Department
23 Joseph Grasso, PE, CHA
24 Nick Costa, PE, Advanced Engineering
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1 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Next item on the agenda is
2 Northern Pass planned district development, 1226
3 Loudon Road, amendment to PDD and recommendation to
4 the Town Board relative to sidewalk revisions.

5 Joe LaCivita?

6 MR. LACIVITA: We'll let Nick get situated.

7 The applicant is back before us tonight due to
8 grading constraints that are currently on the
9 property. I know that there are person moving into
10 the parcel from a housing perspective. They were
11 looking to switch the sidewalk to the other side of
12 the street due to current grade. That's why they are
13 here for a second amendment to the project.

14 MR. COSTA: Thanks, Joe.

15 MR. LACIVITA: If successful tonight, this will
16 end up getting a recommendation to bringing it back to
17 the Town Board.

18 MR. COSTA: This is the Northern Pass site and
19 the sidewalk was originally shown to be on the
20 easterly side of Santanoni Drive. We want to relocate
21 it to the westerly side. That will create less
22 conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles because
23 there are a lot more driveways along the easterly side
24 and there are only four driveways on the westerly
25 side.

1 That sidewalk comes off of the multi-use path
2 and follows the westerly side. It goes into the
3 apartment area and then continues and comes down and
4 crosses over here and then continues as it was
5 originally planned down to the bike path (Indicating).
6 Eventually, that gets down to the bike path. There is
7 an access road here that goes down to the pump
8 station.

9 This side of the sidewalk has not changed.

10 That's what we are here for is to request an
11 amendment so that we can relocate the sidewalk to the
12 westerly side of the road.

13 CHAIRMAN STUTO: We'll ask for comment from our
14 Town Designated Engineer, Joe Grasso, from CHA and
15 I'll also mention to the public if they want to speak
16 on this project, please sign in on the sign-in sheet
17 to your left.

18 MR. GRASSO: We did do a technical review of
19 this and provided our comments. There is a letter
20 dated August 4th in your packets. The first comment
21 was regarding addressing the departmental comments
22 that had been provided to Nick shortly after his
23 submission. Since the completion of our letter, Nick
24 has gone through and addressed all of the departmental
25 comments, at least to our satisfaction. Obviously, if

1 the Board acts favorably upon the amendment, it would
2 go back to the departments before final plan stamping.
3 We don't see any issues there with the comments that
4 were raised or how they were addressed. We did
5 provide some minor technical comments regarding how
6 the crosswalks were being changed and configured
7 within the project site. Nick has made those changes
8 on the plan that you're looking at tonight. .

9 From a procedural standpoint, SEQOR was done as
10 part of the original PDD by the Planning Board and
11 this change that we're looking at tonight doesn't
12 change the SEQOR review that was done. It doesn't
13 change the environmental impacts of the project and
14 therefore the existing negative declaration that had
15 been issued to the project is still valid and covers
16 the action before the Planning Board tonight which is
17 basically a recommendation to the Town Board on an
18 amendment to the Northern Pass PDD.

19 The other thing that I wanted to mention is
20 that this sidewalk is a private sidewalk. The Town
21 doesn't have any ownership or maintenance
22 responsibilities and it's a sidewalk that really was
23 intended to serve the Northern Pass community.

24 Looking at things on a more global scale, you
25 can come off Schermerhorn Road and come down and there

1 is an emergency access road on the south side of the
2 project site that Nick can point to. It can start
3 from the clubhouse and go down to the open space lands
4 and then down towards the bike path. So, the reason
5 why I bring it up is I think that it's important for
6 the Planning Board to understand the continuity of the
7 sidewalk across the entire project site and not just
8 trying to serve access to all of these various
9 apartment buildings. We think that it does accomplish
10 the overall goal still pretty well. That's why we are
11 supportive of the change.

12 MR. COSTA: Old Loudon Road is located right
13 here (Indicating). So, we have the emergency
14 connection to Old Loudon Road. It's already built and
15 that's where access could be provided or is provided
16 and it would come into to follow the sidewalk all the
17 way down to the bike path.

18 MR. GRASSO: So, in Nick's presentation he
19 mentioned that the sidewalk is going to not cross as
20 many driveways and I think that's a really positive
21 aspect if we look at the public using the sidewalk to
22 cross the Northern Pass property.

23 That's all we've got.

24 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Any members of the public sign
25 up to speak on this one?

1 (There was no response.)

2 Do the Board Members have anything to say?

3 (There was no response.)

4 Okay, it seems reasonable to me. There
5 doesn't seem to be any objections.

6 Do we have a motion to the amendment to the
7 PDD with a positive recommendation to the Town Board.

8 MR. MION: I'll make that motion.

9 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN STUTO: Any discussion?

11 (There was no response.)

12 All those in favor, say aye.

13 (Ayes were recited.)

14 All those opposed, say nay.

15 (There were none opposed.)

16 The ayes have it.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. COSTA: Thank you.

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20 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding was
21 concluded at 8:10 p.m.)

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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 L. STRANG

Dated _____

