

PRESENT: Chairman Thimble, Members Blair, Gervais, Perry, Counsel Spath, and Senior Planner Lyons

ABSENT: Member Shamlian

* The minutes of October 19, 2011 were read and unanimously adopted on a motion by Member Gervais seconded by Member Perry.

* Mr. M. R. Balakrishna, PE of the Hindu Temple Society, presented revised plans and a percolation test to address concerns discussed at the October 19, 2011 variance application meeting for the **Hindu Temple Parking Expansion W11-008**. The project consists of the construction of a 100 car parking lot of which 7,350 sq. ft. encroaches within the 100 ft protected watercourse buffer area. The project is located at **450 Albany Shaker Road**. The notice of public hearing was read aloud at 7:05 PM by Counsel Spath. Mr. Balakrishna discussed the results of the four percolation tests that were performed in November and the landscaping revisions based on his meeting with the Albany County Soil & Water Conservation Office.

Chairman Thimble and the members noted the Board's earlier request to determine the percolation rate of the parking area surface and not the rate at a depth of 24 inches. The Board raised concerns over the stormwater run-off factor of the 40 ft. of parking surface outside the 100 ft. buffer area in addition to the 21 ft. of parking area within the buffer. Both areas drain toward the protected watercourse and the 40 ft. of parking outside the buffer is pitched toward the watercourse. Mr. Balakrishna noted they will prepare a new drainage design that takes advantage of the good percolation rate 24 inches below the surface. Stormwater run-off will be directed by way of surface and under drains along the parking lot edge closest to the protected watercourse to drywells that will be designed to handle run-off based on future planned surfaces. Chairman Thimble noted several items discussed at the October 19, 2011 meeting remain outstanding including:

1. A statement for the long term plan for the surface of the parking area and its use will need to be submitted.
2. Increase the size and caliper of material as shown on the landscape plan.
3. A statement that no de-icing material will be used and designated snow storage area outside the protected watercourse area must be shown
4. The drainage redesign to be prepared must be consistent with the NY State Stormwater Design Manual.

A motion was made by Member Gervais, seconded by Member Blair and unanimously adopted to table the public hearing to the March 21, 2012 agenda.

* The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Member Perry, seconded by Member Gervais.

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