

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

**ABSENT:** Members Blair

\* The Board conducted their scheduled field trip to **227 Wolf Road/652 Albany Shaker Road** for the **First Columbia Office/Hotel W14-001** at 6:30 PM. The Board observed the limits and condition of the protected watercourse from the parking lot of the Hampton Inn with Mr. Chris Bette of First Columbia and Ms. Stephanie Ferradino, Esq. Kimberly and Brian Goodrich, adjacent residents of 8 Gay-Lyn Drive were also present.

\* The Board reconvened at the Public Operations Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Thimble.

\* The minutes of December 4, 2013 were read and unanimously adopted as revised on a motion by Chairman Thimble, seconded by Member Perry.

\* Mr. Chris Bette of First Columbia and Ms. Stephanie Ferradino, Esq., presented a variance application to place 8,256 sq. ft. of pavement and related site work disturbances within a protected watercourse buffer area along an unnamed tributary to the Shaker Creek. The project is known as **First Columbia Office/Hotel** and is located at **227 Wolf Road / 652 Albany Shaker Road**. The notice of public hearing was read aloud by Counsel Spath. Also present were Kimberly and Brian Goodrich, adjacent residents of 8 Gay-Lyn Drive.

Mr. Bette noted the application presented to the Board is revised from the January 22, 2014 public hearing which consisted of merging three parcels and reusing the existing Afrim's Sports building with minor modifications including an addition to the south side of the building that was within the protected watercourse.

The revised plan has only a portion of the proposed parking constructed on the vacant portion of the parcel located within the protected watercourse. He noted their previous proposal also included the relocation of the protected watercourse further south to accommodate that particular site design. The revised plan leaves the stream in its current location.

Based on discussions at the January meeting, Mr. Bette noted the plans have been revised to relocate the proposed hotel outside the protected watercourse buffer and maintain a 41 ft. pavement setback to the centerline of the stream. The amount of fill required to install the parking area would be limited to 3 ft. and placed at a 1 vertical to 3 horizontal slope so it would be mowable. A wedge curb along the pavement's edge will be provided to ensure the stormwater run-off will be treated for quality and quantity and prevent it from directly discharging into the protected watercourse.

The Board noted the use of native plantings per a hand-out provided; designating snow storage areas outside the protected watercourse limits; the use of green infrastructure practices

such as porous pavement if appropriate to soil conditions; and no storage of chemicals within the protected watercourse limits.

The Board tabled the application pending a SEQR determination by the Planning Board, the lead agency, on this Type I action.

\* Chairman Thimble adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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