

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF GREENPORT PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM

A Special Meeting of the Town of Greenport Planning Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Ed Stiffler. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance:

Edward Stiffler Bob MacGiffert Paul D’Onofrio Michael Bucholsky
Sandy Kipp Genevieve Trigg, Esq Ray Jurkowski – Town Engineer
Becky Siegel – Acting Rec. Secretary

Reading of the Register-Star Notice of Special Meeting was read by Chairman Stiffler.

Chairman Stiffler advised the Planning Board and those in attendance that Patricia Olm has resigned from the Planning Board as of Monday Sept. 14, 2015.

Chairman Stiffler requested the SEQRA review for Greenport Gardens be presented by Town Engineer, Ray Jurkowski. Mr. Jurkowski identified various items and shared the EAF narrative:

Evaluation of the Importance of Impacts – GREENPORT GARDENS.

The narrative identified impacts and proposed mitigations on the current vacant parcel which is approximately 13.2 acres located at Joslen Blvd and Green Acres Road, Greenport, Columbia County, New York.

The following impacts and proposed mitigations included those relating to:

1. Land
2. Ground Water
3. Plants and Animals
4. Aesthetic Resources – including landscaping and vegetation
5. Historic and Architectural Resources
6. Transportation
7. Energy – existing parcel has no energy usage
8. Noise, Odor and Light – including construction hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday
9. Community Character

Following Mr. Jurkowski’s presentation, Chairman Stiffler explained the purpose of SEQRA law is to mitigate to the maximum extent possible, once the SEQRA is done – the application is complete. Phase 2 then begins and Public Hearings will follow.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

A Green Acres resident inquired as to the benefit of this project to the Town of Greenport.

A Joslen Blvd. resident inquired on water run-off, flow of water, as well as the poor condition of the road and concerns of narrow shoulder and pedestrian safety.

Engineer Jurkowski advised that (unrelated to the Greenport Gardens project) the Town of Greenport has an Open Public Forum scheduled at 7 PM on September 30, 2015 at the church on Joslen Blvd. to address the concerns of the road in the area. The meeting will be posted on the Town website. Michael Bucholsky and Paul D’Onofrio, Planning Board members, stated that both the Planning Board and Town Board recognize the needs of the area for a safer roadway system for the area.

PB member Paul D’Onofrio expressed additional mitigation for perpetual care of the berm, buffer be noted in the report.

Green Acres resident indicated that mitigation can be “exceeded” and expressed concern of pooling water, mosquitoes, insects and not malarial. Engineer Jurkowski responded with the DEC standards.

Town Attorney Trigg read the negative declaration and proposed resolution. Members of the Planning Board approved the resolution with the following roll-call vote:

Edward Stiffler, Chairman	YES	Sandy Kipp	YES
Robert MacGiffert	YES	Paul D’Onofrio	YES
Michael Bucholsky	YES		

The negative declaration will be filed, distributed and published.

Chairman Stiffler reinforced that this completes the SEQRA process, Step 1. There are still public hearings to be held.

Attorney Freeman, representing Greenport Gardens indicated resolution and narrative were acceptable and inquired on the date of the public hearing.

A written 10 day notice must be sent to all abutting landowners advising of the Public Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM with motion by Robert MacGiffert and second by Sandy Kipp.