

CONSERVATION BOARD

JULY 26, 2010

MEMBERS:

John Kasper, Chairman
Glenn Hall
Sue Hilton
Pat Murphy
Chris Baldwin (absent)
Ted Boglione (absent)

The meeting began at 7:35 PM.

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the June 28, 2010 minutes, second by Ms. Hilton. All present members voted "aye" to approve.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION:

The members reviewed the Planning Board application for the subdivision plan intended to be used for the town garage and salt storage. The property is located on Hook Road, south of the thruway. This property consists of 45 acres and is currently zoned agriculture. The proposed site is 30,000 feet with paved access ways to the garage and salt storage barn.

The plans also include an on site wind energy generating system and a potential rail access for highway material delivery.

The members reviewed and discussed the finding from the Planning Board.

Mr. Ron Brand, Director of Planning and Development joined the meeting.

Mr. Brand said that the town has an option to purchase this land for \$4,500 an acre. This land is not being used for agriculture at this time.

Mr. Brand said that there is no sewer at this location.

Mr. Brand said that this site is next to the railroad and they have talked with the railroad about putting in a spur.

Mr. Brand said that there would be an extensive site plan review process. On August 4, 2010 there will be a Planning Board meeting to discuss Final Site Plan.

Mr. Brand said the number of routes the town has to plow has doubled so the need for a larger salt storage barn has increased.

Mr. Brand and the conservation members discussed other current plans going on in the town.

The Conservation Board members had the following comment concerning this application.

1. The Conservation Board members question the need for acquiring 45 acres. This seems excessive for the facilities as defined on the subdivision plat.

Mr. Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM., seconded by Mr. Murphy.

The next meeting will be held on August 23, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.