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Town to sign Purchase & Sales Agreement for former Shadow Pines Golf Club

~Public Referendum Tuesday, February 27~

PENFIELD, N.Y., JANUARY 17, 2018 – The Town of Penfield and Dolomite/Oldcastle have come to terms on a Purchase & Sales Agreement for the Town’s purchase of the former Shadow Pines Golf Club. At tonight’s Town Board meeting at 7:00 PM, council members will vote on a New Business resolution authorizing Supervisor LaFountain to execute a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the Shadow Pines property. Upon passing of the resolution, Supervisor LaFountain will execute the agreement at the meeting.

With the Purchase Agreement in place, a Public Referendum on the Town’s financing for the purchase of the Shadow Pines property will move ahead as scheduled on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road.

The acquisition cost is $3.65 million dollars for four parcels totaling 211.70 acres that include the golf course and the historic Clark House.

US citizens who have lived in Penfield at least 30 days as of February 27 and are at least 18 years old are eligible to vote. Absentee voting will be available for qualified individuals who are unable to vote in person due to illness or travel. Details, including ballot information and instructions, will be available on the Town’s website once the documents are finalized consistent with New York State Law.

Residents will be asked to vote on two propositions. Proposition No. 1 represents a Bond Resolution for financing for the purchase of 206 golf course acres for an estimated $3,390,000. Proposition No. 2 represents a Bond Resolution for financing for the purchase of six acres and the Clark House buildings for an estimated $260,000.

The cost for the purchase to a homeowner with a property valued at $190,000 would be $11.00 per year for 30 years.
“I am delighted that we were able to come to terms for a Purchase Agreement on this property and want to thank Dolomite/Oldcastle for working with the Town to achieve this—and more importantly—for agreeing to a schedule that gives us time to hold a Public Referendum as requested by our residents,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “I encourage all eligible residents to participate in the vote on February 27th. We have a short window prior to the Referendum to provide information on the propositions. Residents who want to learn more should go to www.penfield.org for the most accurate information and history of the town’s involvement with this property since Shadows Pines ceased golf operations in 2015 to the present. The website will also provide voting information including ballot information and details on the absentee voting process.”

If residents approve the propositions, the Town Board will explore the potential of the property for future land uses such as a combination of open space, passive and active recreational uses (consistent with the Golf Course Moratorium Committee’s recommendation), and general municipal uses such as a future community center, library, lodge, or other public facilities. A final plan has not been decided. A committee of residents will be established to make recommendations to the Town Board. Defining future land use will also be a key responsibility of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Committee.

“Having a signed Purchase Agreement is a necessary step relating to the Town’s potential acquisition of this property as recommended by the Moratorium Committee and by many residents after Shadow Pines Golf ceased operations,” said Deputy Supervisor Andy Moore. “For more than 50 years this property has been used for farmland and recreation, including softball fields and a golf course. All these uses provided a unique buffer to an active quarry operation while preserving valuable green space in this part of town. If voters approve the propositions the property can continue to meet the needs of the Penfield community for generations to come.”

For more details and background information on The Shadows please go to the project page at http://www.penfield.org/index.php?pr=Golf_The_Shadows

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