TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA

Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 7:00 PM
Supervisor R. Anthony LaFountain, presiding

I. Call to Order
II. Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2017
III. Monthly Reports - November
IV. Public Hearings - None
V. Guests
   a. Heidi Scheer - Requesting a Streamline Approval for a Clothing Consignment Shop at 2118 Five Mile Line Road - Costello
   b. Bill & Debbie Wickham - Discussion of Conservation Easement at 1315 Sweets Corners Road - Valentine
   c. Citizen's Climate Lobby - Allen Hibner/Rob Levine - LaFountain
VI. Action Items
   a. Release of Drainage Inspection Easement at 1429 Shoecraft Road - Valentine
VII. Informational Items
   a. (NONE)
VIII. Held Items
   a. Jomanda Way, Expanding No Shooting Petition - LaFountain
   b. Preservation of Curb Cut and Parking Requirement Relief, 2136 Penfield Road - Costello
   c. Sign Ordinance Updates/Proposed Ordinance Revision - Costello/LaFountain
   d. Bayview Landing Subdivision, 1185 Empire Blvd. - Costello
IX. Old Business – (NONE)
X. New Business
XI. Executive Session
XII. Next Meeting: January 10, 2018
XIII. Adjournment

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I. Call to Order

Present:
Supervisor LaFountain
Councilwoman Kohl
Councilwoman Metzler
Councilman Moore
Councilman Quinn

Also Present:
Jim Costello
Lisa Grosser
Zach Nersinger
Mark Valentine

II. Approval of Minutes – 11/8/17
CM Quinn moved for the approval of the Minutes of November 8, 2017, CW Metzler seconded the motion, all present voted “Aye.”

III. Monthly Reports – Reports for November are in except for Finance, Personnel and Public Works which are expected by the end of the week.

IV. Public Hearing – None

V. Guests
- Heidi Scheer – Requesting a Streamline Approval for a Consignment Shop at 2118 Five Mile Line Road – Costello

Jim Costello introduced Heidi Scheer who is a real estate agent and is interested in opening a location for home estate sales of both surplus items as well as consignment.

Heidi Scheer explained that she will be occupying 273 square feet of the building which has a total of 1,200 sq. ft. She will be open three (3) days a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and also by appointment. She submitted a sign proposal to the board for its review. She would like to install a mailbox. There is interior remodeling being done to close off the space and add a door. Items for sale will be collectable, quality small furniture and appliances. Clothing will not be for sale. Scheer would like to open after the first of the year.

Jim Costello asked that Scheer contact both the Fire Marshal and the Building Inspector for a remodeling permit and necessary inspections before she opens.
Scheer stated that there is parking behind the building and she has reached out to the neighbors informing them of her new business.

Costello advised that Scheer should speak to the Postmaster regarding the location of the mailbox.

Councilwoman Kohl motioned for the approval of the business through the streamline process, Councilman Quinn seconded and all present voted "Aye."

- Bill and Debbie Wickham – Discussion of Conservation Easement at 1315 Sweets Corners Road – Valentine

Mark Valentine introduced Bill, Debbie and Dale Wickham who have been working with Town staff regarding the relocation of their operation to Sweets Corners Road. A portion of the property is zoned RA-2 and has a Conservation Easement for agricultural operation. A portion of the property is also zoned Mixed Use and does not have the Conservation Easement on it.

Bill Wickham stated that in the past few months he has received an offer on his property located on NYS RTE 250, next to the YMCA. He is interested in moving those operations to his vegetable and fruit operations on Sweets Corners Road.

Wickham submitted a proposal, map and presentation regarding the proposed improvements to the properties for the Board’s review. Wickham’s properties include 1303, 1315 and 1350 Sweets Corners Road. 1303 is not part of the Conservation Easement, and is zoned Mixed Use. Wickham proposes to have the agricultural tourism activities on 1303 Sweets Corners Road. 1303 will house the activities that currently take place at the NYS RTE 250 site and include jumping pillow, mini golf, playground and kiddie train ride. Wickham then reviewed proposed structures which include events and food service buildings, bathrooms, repair shop, vegetable washing barn and storage building. Wickham then detailed many proposed new activities which are under consideration.

Wickham is interested in relocating and consolidating his operations, as well as enhancing the activities that are offered. The activities will take place from Easter until October 31 annually. 175 parking spaces are proposed for both apple/pumpkin season patrons as well as the 300 CSA members. Overflow parking will also be available in the hayfield. Wickham added he has spoken to several of his neighbors, and all are supportive.

Supervisor LaFountain added he has received emails in support from 1321 Sweets Corners Road, 69 Edenfield Road and 1320/1380 Sweets Corners Road.
Wickham stated that he is open to adding trees to buffer the property if neighbors want them. He added he believes in proactive communication with neighbors and could also add a black fence at the border of the corn maze if the neighbors desired it.

Councilman Moore said he encourages keeping the communication open with the neighbors.

Councilman Quinn asked for clarification as to why this is before the Town Board.

Mark Valentine stated that the Town Board must review the operations proposed for the area under the Conservation Easement. The Board must agree that the proposed agricultural operations meet the requirements stated in the easement. If approved the applicant will go before the Planning Board for site layout, design and parking. The portion under Mixed Use zoning will also be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Supervisor LaFountain stated the Board will review if this proposal fits within the Conservation Easement and it will review the farmstead area. He asked if there is an alternative to the proposed parking within the farmstead area. Could the parking be moved to the Mixed Use zoned area?

Wickham said there is not a lot of space and the proposed parking area is a logical connection and creates a customer friendly traffic flow. The lot will be gravel and primarily used to support the CSA activities.

Jim Costello asked if a baking operation would be included.

Wickham said yes, the current location on NYS RTE 250 already has a baking facility.

Costello asked if the parking area would be used for storage of farm equipment.

Wickham said he does not intend to use it for storage of equipment, but that could be a possibility.

Supervisor LaFountain stated that the Board will review this proposal and the next opportunity for discussion would be at the January 10, 2018 Work Session. Any additional information or questions will go through Valentine and Nersinger.

- Citizen’s Climate Lobby - Allen Hibner/Rob Levine - LaFountain

Supervisor LaFountain introduced Allen Hibner, Lobby Co-Lead and Rob Levine Business Climate Co-Lead for the Citizen’s Climate Lobby. They met with the Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee in September. A copy of the proposal was submitted to the Board for its review.
Allen Hibner stated that this is a volunteer organization of 90,000 volunteers nationally, and currently there are 457 Chapters. The Organization is nonpartisan, nonprofit and solution focused.

Hibner explained that they would like to see a Carbon Fee and Dividend system put in place to create a more sustainable environment. With this system a fee is collected on fossil fuels and other greenhouse gases at the source. Under this proposal all revenue will be returned to households equally. Under the Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal it is projected in the first 10 years emissions would be reduced 31%, and there would be a 2.1 million increase in new jobs. Gross Domestic Product is projected to increase an average of $70 to $85 million per year, as well as 227,000 lives saved over 20 years. The monthly dividend, per family of four (4) would be $288 per month in the first 10 years.

Hibner explained that to date there has been bi-partisan action and support consisting of 62 Congressman, 31 republicans and 31 democrats. Interest and support has increased significantly over the last four (4) years.

Rob Levine stated that Congresswoman Louise Slaughter has not been supportive of this action. His group received a Proclamation of support from the City of Rochester and have started talks with surrounding towns. We hope to gather enough support to go back to Slaughter and obtain her support. We are also working with local college students and gaining support.

Levine continued to say he would like to receive a Proclamation or Resolution from the Town of Penfield in support. Recently the Town of Pittsford passed a resolution in support.

Supervisor LaFountain stated that the Board will review the materials submitted and discuss at a future Work Session.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Release of Drainage Inspection Easement at 1429 Shoecraft Road – Valentine

Mark Valentine stated that this is a single family home. The property was split into three (3) parcels for development and a stormwater management area was required. The existing home was sold and the new owner purchased the other lots and had them consolidated back into one lot. The stormwater management area is no longer required and the easement can be abandoned.

Councilman Moore moved to approve the abandonment, Councilman Quinn seconded, and all present voted “Aye.”

A resolution will be submitted at the next Legislative Session on December 20, 2017.
VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
   a. None

VIII. HELD ITEMS
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IX. Old Business – None

X. New Business – None

XI. Executive Session – Real Estate, Litigation and Human Resource Matters – None

XII. Next Meeting – January 10, 2018

XIII. Adjournment – Supervisor LaFountain adjourned the regular Work Session at 8:50 PM.

Lisa Grosser, RMC
Deputy Town Clerk