

TOWN OF GRAFTON PLANNING BOARD

Regular Meeting
May 16, 2022

Pledge to the Flag
Call to Order

Public Hearing: 6:35pm & 6:45pm

Bill Nugent: Nugent Road – Non-realty two lot sub-division. No questions from the floor. Public hearing closed.

Charles Farrell LLC: Old Road - Five lot major sub-division. Continuation of a former minor sub-division. No questions from the floor. Public hearing closed.

Roll Call:

Member Martha Goss – p
Member Owen Grandjean – p
Chairman Tom Withcuskey – p
Member Art Surprise – p
Member Jim Goyer – p

Regular Meeting:

Motion made by Chairman Withcuskey to approve minutes of April 18, 2022, seconded by Member Grandjean. 5/0

Old Business:

Bill Nugent: Nugent Road – Non-realty, two lot sub-division. Chairman Withcuskey declared a negative impact on the environmental impact statement based on the information analysis based on any supporting documentation that the action will not result in any significant or adverse environmental impact. Seconded by Member Goss. 5/0. Motion to approve the two lot sub-division made by Chairman Withcuskey, seconded by Member Grandjean. 5/0

Charles Farrell LLC: Old Road – Five lot major sub-division. Grafton Town Planning Board will be lead agency. Will be tabled until the following meeting of June 20, 2022.

RPA: Meeting was held with the RPA, Attorney and Engineer. Topics of boundaries and surveys, we are waiting for them to respond. A complete survey was requested of the entire property to ensure the boundaries, access and individual land owners are abutting. The Indian site was reviewed, although it did not fall under NY State jurisdiction as far as an archeological site. The Indian Nation of Record will work with the RPA to make sure its protected accordingly. A gate will be installed on the Foster Road access, that area will be used strictly for events only, meaning if a class is scheduled. A representative of the RPA will be present as well as a representative teacher. When the events ends the gates will be locked. It will not be an open access. The major access will be Stuffle St. The Town is awaiting requested information application at this time is considered incomplete.

New Business:

Mark Swabe: 307 Taconic Lake Road - Two lot minor sub-division. A total of two lots have currently been divided. Chairman Withcusky made a motion to accept the application, seconded by Member Surprise. All in favor 5/0. Public hearing set for June 20, 2022 at 6:50pm.

Informal Discussion:

-*Question* concerning RPA out-houses. They would need to go through the Rensselaer County Health Dept.

-*Question* about number of out-houses. Two possible three. One on Foster location & one on Stuffle St. location. The Town would like the least amount of traffic on Foster Rd location, being used for buses and after the event the gate will be locked. This has been presented but not approved at this time. The survey will define the boundary lines. Project is moving forward. Road will be repaired at the other parking lot where Town Road ends.

-*Question* – has the Indian Chair been identified. Has not been identified by NY State. Board will work with Member Surprise to identify the site location as well as the Nation to ensure it meets the requirements of their protocol. The RPA will do whatever is deemed necessary to preserve the site.

-*Question* – will kayaking & fishing be allowed – As of now there has been no discussion of fishing, kayaking or camping. Nothing in stone as far as camping as of tonight. Everything would go to public hearing. The Town will work with Fire Chief Goyer to make sure that trails are identified on the map in case of an emergency.

-*Question* - will Foster Rd. access gate be locked: The gate will be locked unless the RPA has a scheduled activity. The town will have completed maps. They will attempt to keep trails away from residents. Possibly adding large rocks on both sides of gate to help with parking issues. It was explained that the water area is shallow and not conducive to kayaking.

-*Question* – how does the board feel about over-night camping; they would need to follow the County or State regulations. It will be very regulated. Possibly boy scouts with scout master. The Town feels they would need some type of permission to do overnight camping. The main current concerns are the survey & Foster Rd. Hunting by a sign-up list only.

Adjournment – 7:40pm

Linda Laveway



Planning Board Secretary