

PITTSFORD ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Minutes

October 5, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Heinzelman, Julie Marcellus, Jim Pippin, Hali Buckley, Lindsay Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug DeRue, Director of Planning Zoning & Dev., Jessica Yaeger, Environmental Board Secretary

ABSENT: Seth O'Bryan, Stephanie Townsend, Town Board Liaison

CHAIRMAN: Steve Heinzelman

Chairman Heinzelman opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Jim Pippin made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2020. Hali Buckley seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved following a unanimous voice vote.

Mary Moore Presentation – Native Plantings

A Town of Pittsford resident, Mary Moore, gave a presentation to the Environmental Board regarding Native Plantings and the declining bird and insect populations around the country. She asked the board for three considerations: first, their support in requiring local contractors to use 45-50% of native plantings in new developments and site plans that come in front of the Board. Secondly, she asked for the Board's support in the toxic free neighborhood challenge that is supported by the Town and focuses on using organic pesticides and herbicides for lawn care, among other things. Lastly, she asked the Board to consider personally making a difference for wildlife on their own properties and lawns. She began her presentation with a little background information about how she started to learn about the decline of bird species through her love of birds and how there are some species on the brink of extinction due to global warming and the correlative shift in their range. She asked herself, how can we as a community help prevent these species from becoming extinct? Using renewable energy sources, controlling fossil fuel emissions into the air, using native plantings to help provide birds a place to rest and raise young, and also help increase the declining insect population which is many bird's food source. She is looking for any input from the Boards on any ideas they may have to help these actions come used across the area. The Board was in agreeance and Doug DeRue, the Director of Planning and Zoning commented that everything discussed were good things to consider and encourage and that the Environmental Board can include the use of native plantings in their advisory comments to any/all Planning Board applications they review.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE: Doug DeRue, Staff Liaison

Doug DeRue, the Director of Planning and Zoning gave the Environmental Board an update on current and upcoming submissions to the Planning Board.

The Bridleridge Farms Subdivision has submitted the final plans for approval for Section 2. They are looking to begin construction on Section 1 that received Planning Board approval last year. They have renovated the old Barn located on Clover Street and done some grading for the land surrounding the

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Barn which will be donated to the Town. The Reeves Road Sewer District is in the process of being finalized through Town Board and a public hearing being set for November 3rd, 2020.

The Copper Beech Subdivision is expected to be coming to the Planning Board in the near future. This is the largest subdivision to happen in Pittsford as it concerns over 300 acres in South Pittsford. The Environmental Board will have numerous environmental impact to consider, with their advisory review of this application. The Department of Planning and Zoning has not received any plans for this at the present, but expect submittal to be upcoming.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD UPDATE:

The Planning Board has two applications to review for the upcoming public hearing on October 26th, 2020. The Environmental Board will select a member to be a point person to review the plans, visit the site, and submit advisory comments for the Planning Board.

One application is for Kilbourn Place Apartments. They received Town Board approval in 2019, and they are now seeking Planning Board approval as the next step. The project consist of turning already construction Town Homes into apartment buildings on East Ave., as well as the demolition of the previous Back Nine Restaurant and the construction of an additional apartment building in its place. All of the apartment buildings will total 110 units. Doug DeRue, director of Planning and Zoning noted that previous Environmental Board advisory comments considered recycling construction materials which may be applicable to the demolition of the Back Nine Restaurant. The developer submitted landscaping plans as part of their submittal which could be considered, as well as the lighting plan.

Chairman Heinzelman asked for volunteers from the Board to be the point person for this application. Lindsay Clark volunteered for this application.

The other application is for Oak Hill Golf Club. Their submission seeks approval for 2 Cottage units to be construct to hospitality residences providing overnight accommodations. There will be a minimal environmental impact with the construction of these buildings. They may be removing some oak trees in the proposed location, and possibly some stormwater runoff to consider.

A point person was not assigned to this application at this time.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

Chairman Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jessica Yaeger
Secretary to the Environmental Board