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PARK POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **September 16, 2016**

The Committee convened at 9:00 a.m.

Park Policy and Planning Committee Members Present:

Dan Wilt, Acting Chair, Dr. Chad Dawson, William Thomas, Bradley Austin (ESD)

Other Members and Designees Present:

Sherman Craig, Art Lussi, John Ernst, Barbara Rice, Karen Feldman, Robert Stegemann (DEC), Sandi Allen(DOS)

Local Government Review Board:

Frederick Monroe, Executive Director

Agency Staff Present:

Terry Martino, James Townsend, Shaun Lalonde, Robyn Burgess, Keith McKeever, Annemarie Peer

Matt Kendall presented two Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (FSEIS).

Town of Minerva Map Amendment MA2016-02

Mr. Kendall reviewed the FSEIS for the Town of Minerva in Essex County. The applicant is a landowner who would like to reclassify an approximately 1.4 acre area from Low Intensity Use to Hamlet Use. He said the Board accepted the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) at the July meeting. Agency staff expanded the requested area to approximately 6 acres to be consistent with regional boundary requirements. Agency staff also considered a geographic alternative that is 4.2 acres in size. In 2006 the Town of Minerva had requested a series of 15 map amendments, this one included, but withdrew the proposal following public comment. The Town Board has passed a resolution in support of this current request.

Mr. Kendall reported that there was a public hearing on August 17, 2016. Four comments were made, all in favor of the map amendment. There were also two written comments in support of the proposal.

Mr. Kendall reviewed the summary of Standards for Agency Decision. He also presented a summary of procedures under SEQRA and the procedures and standards for the official map amendment process. Mr. Kendall summarized the environmental impacts associated with this map amendment.

Mr. Kendall presented maps and photographs of the map amendment area.

Mr. Lussi wanted to know which house and/or property correspond with which letters. Mr. Kendall responded by showing the properties.

Dr. Dawson asked if Mr. Kendall had a map that shows the 4.2 alternative against the lot placements. Mr. Kendall showed the boundary lines on the map.

Ms. Feldman asked if the 4.2 acres preferred alternative follows a lot line. Mr. Kendall responded that it follows the Great Lot lines.

Mr. Craig asked about advantages and disadvantages of the 4 to 6 acre alternatives. Mr. Kendall responded that the staff recommend the reclassification of 4.2 acres because it meets the character descriptions and no physical limitations. Mr. Kendall reported that the 6 acre alternative raises concern regarding proximity to the Minerva Stream. He said there is a public water system, but there is no sewer system in this area.

Ms. Allen asked for a clarification on the map as to where the dam is located in association to the property.

Mr. Monroe suggested that the land should have been classified as a Hamlet originally. Mr. Kendall agreed.

Mr. Kendall reported that the population figures in the draft DSEIS were compiled by using the 2010 census and 2014 estimates. He added that there are two different methodologies for calculating these estimates and that staff changed the number presented in the DSEIS to use 2000 and 2010 estimates.

Mr. Lussi reported that there was an error in the SEQRA Findings Statement And Order on page six, first line on top. Mr. Lussi said the word "deny" is incorrect and should be replaced with "allow."

Mr. Kendall responded that staff will make the correction if the Board requests that change be made.

Mr. Thomas thanked Mr. Kendall for the change of population numbers. Mr. Thomas stated that he always assumed the area was a Hamlet.

Ms. Feldman asked if other owners in the proposed reclassification area opposed the reclassification. Mr. Kendall responded there were no comments opposing the reclassification.

Mr. Stegemann asked if the Town had an opinion on the 4.2 acre or 6 acre alternatives. Mr. Kendall responded that the Town Supervisor preferred the 6 acres.

Mr. Kendall reminded the Board that they were voting on two items, the FSEIS and the corresponding Amendment. Mr. Townsend mentioned that they would also need to vote for the proposed correction.

Motion was made by Mr. Austin to accept the FSEIS and the Amendment, including the correction. Dr. Dawson seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Town of Crown Point Map Amendment MA2016-03

Mr. Kendall reviewed the FSEIS for the Town of Crown Point, Essex County. The Town is requesting that approximately 6.4 acres be reclassified from Low Intensity to Hamlet. Due to the character and location of the area there was no appropriate alternative to the 6.4 acres. The area is served by both public sewer and water systems. He said the Board accepted the DSEIS at the July meeting.

Mr. Kendall stated that as Mr. Lussi mentioned earlier, there was an error in the SEQR Findings Statement And Order in this amendment as well. The word "deny" is incorrect and should be replaced with "allow."

Mr. Kendall said a public hearing was held on August 17, 2016 at the Crown Point Town Hall. No comments were made at that time and no written comments were received.

Mr. Kendall reviewed maps and photographs showing the features associated with the map amendment area. Mr. Kendall reported that staff are recommending the approval of the request by reclassify the 6.4 acres from Low Intensity to Hamlet. Mr. Kendall stated that this property meets the character descriptions purposes, policies and objectives in the Hamlet description.

Mr. Kendall reminded the Board that it needs two votes, one for the FSEIS and one for the amendment.

Motion was made by Dr. Dawson to accept the FSEIS and amendment, including the correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Austin, all were in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Kendall gave the Board a quick review of two upcoming map amendments. The first is in the Town of Essex. Staff have been working with the Town on this amendment for approximately five years. This is a large project involving about 5,500 acres. Staff provided assistance to the Town with their recent revision regarding their zoning laws and zoning maps.

The second amendment is in the Town of Crown Point. It will propose multiple changes, including a proposal for a Hamlet expansion and a proposal to reclassifying approximately 200 acres from Low Intensity Use to Moderate Intensity Use.

Mr. Wilt adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.