

The regular meeting of the Town of Cape Vincent Planning Board was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at Recreation Park. The Chair opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members Present:**

Robert Martin, Chair                      Richard Macsherry-Vice-Chair  
Harvey White                                Dr. Frank Giaquinto  
Bill DeSouza

**Board Members Excuse:** Karen Bourcy- alternate

There were 6 visitors

**Privilege of the Floor:** Alan Wood- Spoke regarding the campers on Rte. 12E that keep arriving and that it is not a good look for Cape Vincent. It is just something to think about when reviewing the Zoning Laws again in the future.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Board members on a motion by Mr. Macsherry and seconded by Mr. White approved as written minutes of the March 10, 2021 meetings.

**Old Business: Brenda Aubertine Minor Subdivision Public Hearing (Tax Max# 30.00-1-21.1)**

After the Planning Board on March 10, 2021, the property transferred hands to Keith and Tracy Aubertine. The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm. Mr. Bill Pond spoke in regards to an easement that was originally signed by Vinny and Brenda Aubertine (original owners of the property) to put in a new culvert pipe that will go where the new lot is proposed to solve the flooding issue. The old culvert has been plugged off. Mr. Pond has been working on this issue for about 4 years. Lyle Wood from Wood Farms spoke and is concerned about the new culvert being plugged also and the flooding continuing to being an issue. The flooding is interfering with his farming. Mr. Pond planned on installing the new culver pipe this spring as he was unable to 2 years ago due to the highwater and last year due to the COVID restrictions. The new culvert pipe will run through the new front yard of the proposed new lot. If the lot could be moved approximately 150ft, the issue could be solved. Mr. Busler was not aware of this issue. The board paused the public hearing at 7:22 pm and reopened the hearing at 7:52 pm. During the pause, Mr. Busler spoke with Travis Deaner, who is purchasing the property. Mr. Deaner was unaware of the easement for the new culvert pipe. Mr. Deaner will meet with Mr. Pond at the site to discuss the issue. The public hearing was tabled at 7:52 pm until further notice but within 120 days of March 10, 2021.

**TDS Telecom Site Plan Public Hearing (Tax Map# 40.06-1-14.8)**

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 pm. Justin Cree e-mailed the Part 1 of SEQR. With no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:28 pm. The Chair asked the Board for questions and/or comments. There were none. The Chair and the Board completed Part 2 SEQR and determined that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Mr. Macsherry made a motion to approve the application. Mr. White seconded the motion. All approved by voting aye.

**New Business: Schmeer Family Trust Minor Subdivision Application (Tax Map #: not noted on application)**

The Schmeer Family Trust, who is represented by Mr. Patsy Storino, submitted an application for a minor subdivision to divide a 4.878-acre lot into 4 lots located at Fuller Bay Drive, Cape Vincent, NY 13618. This lot is a newly created lot from minor subdivision that was approved in March 2021. Mr. Storino obtained a letter from Mark Schmeer stating that they are willing to contribute to the maintenance of Fuller Bay Drive. Mr. Bob Bastable spoke of his idea to install a gate so that only those who live on the road would be allowed access to the road as well as fire, etc. Mr. Bastable will meet with Steve Hall, a contractor, for an estimate of the repairs. Dr. Giaquinto stated that the width of the road does not conform to the current Zoning Laws. Dr. Giaquinto made a motion to deny the application and submit an application to the ZBA for a variance for the road. Mr. White seconded the motion. All approved by voting aye.

**Next Meeting:**

The Planning Board will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. at Recreation Park.

**Meeting Adjourned:** At 8:00 p.m. with no further business, the Chair asked for a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Dr. Giaquinto made the motion. Mr. DeSouza seconded; all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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