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**PINE PLAINS PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE: Don Bartles, Jr., Chairman
Sarah Jones
Kate Osofsky
Vikki Soracco
Ken Mecciarello
Steve Patterson
Peter Salerno, Alternate
Louisa Grassi, Alternate (arrived 7:45pm)

ABSENT: John Forelle

ALSO PRESENT: Drew Weaver, CEO
Sandra David, Town Board Liaison
Four members of the public

Chairman Bartles called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

VTM HOLDING/BERLINGHOFF PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Bartles read the public hearing notice as published in the Millerton News. The public hearing was opened. Vivian and Timothy Berlinghoff represented the applicant. This is a site plan review for a proposed addition to a building located at 40 Myrtle Avenue and also new signage at same location. Bartles invited the public to come forward to view the application and ask questions or make comments. None. Bartles asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. None. Bartles stated he had some questions and they were satisfactorily answered. He stated he was hoping they could do something with the dumpsters to get them out of sight. He stated the only other question he had was with regard to security lighting. He stated that the applicant advised the light out back is low density and is on all the time. Bartles stated that the applicant would like the light on from dusk to dawn for security purposes. Bartles stated the light is directed away from any houses. Bartles asked if they proposed to light the signs. Berlinghoff stated just the one on the building. Bartles asked if this was an issue with the Board. Discussion followed. Bartles stated no one brought this issue up as a problem. Bartles asked if it was a possibility to move the dumpster. Berlinghoff stated screening where it is now would be easier. Bartles stated he would like it screened from the adjoining property but not necessarily from the road side. Bartles asked if there was any public comment. None. Motion by Jones to close the public hearing at 7:40; second by Soracco.

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All in favor. Motion passed. The Board proceeded to complete the SEQR. Motion by Mecciarello to declare the Pine Plains Planning Board Lead Agency; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Mecciarello to declare this project an unlisted action under SEQR; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Jones to direct the Chair to prepare a Negative Declaration; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Osofsky to declare the SEQR complete; second by Jones. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Jones to approve the site plan and signs as submitted and to allow a resolution of approval to be prepared; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed.

DOAR FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING: Josh Kowan, forester for Mid-Hudson Forest Products, represented the applicant. Bartles read the public hearing notice as published in the Millerton News. This is for a Special Use Permit application for a proposed forestry project for property located at 198 Tripp Road. The public hearing was opened. Kowan gave a brief overview of the proposed project. Kowan stated they would remove approximately 100,000 board feet. Bartles asked if anyone from the public had any questions or comments. Jane Waters asked how large an area the project would involve. Kowan stated it is roughly 100 acres of a 155-acre parcel. Bob Hamilton stated he is a neighbor and wanted to know how long the project would take. Kowan stated as soon as ground conditions allow and they finish with a current project, they would start. Bartles asked if Kowan spoke with the Highway Superintendent. Kowan said he met him on site and he felt the site distance was fine. They will be putting down tracking pads to protect the Town road. Bartles stated part of the property abuts a Town boundary line and as a result of that it comes under a section of Town law that means it must be referred to Dutchess County Planning for their opinion. Bartles stated this has been done but have to wait for their response before the Board can sign off on it. Bartles stated it was his understanding that there are no streams crossing permits required by DEC. Kowan stated there are not because there is an existing crossing. Kowan stated the stream-crossing permit is not required and a letter was submitted for the file. Bartles asked for any further public comment. None. Motion by Jones to close the public hearing; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed. Bartles stated that all adjoining property owners were notified of the public meeting giving them an opportunity to comment. The Board proceeded to complete the SEQR. Mecciarello made a motion to declare the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board Lead Agency; second by Jones. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Jones

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to declare the project and unlisted action; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Patterson directing the Chair to prepare a Negative Declaration; second by Jones. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Osofsky declaring the SEQOR complete; second by Jones. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Jones authorizing Chairman Bartles to direct the Building Inspector to issue a Special Use Permit if Dutchess County Planning decides this is a matter of local concern; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed. Bartles advised Kowan that we would let him know as soon as we hear from County Planning.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bartles advised that the Board has received a draft of the proposed local law from Replansky changing the terms of the Planning Board members to five-year terms. Bartles stated that Proper emailed it to everyone earlier in the day.

Motion by Jones to approve February 2013 minutes; second by Patterson. All in favor. Motion passed. Jones noted that the March minutes were not complete as pages were missing. Proper will check and resend for the next meeting.

Motion by Patterson to adjourn at 8:15 pm; second by Jones. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy E. Proper
Secretary

Donald Bartles, Jr.
Chairman