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**PINE PLAINS PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
7:30 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE: John Forelle, Chairman
Jane Waters, Alternate sitting for Grassi
Vikki Soracco
Kate Osofsky
Peter Salerno, Alternate sitting for Mecciarello
Michael Stabile
Steve Patterson

ABSENT: Louisa Grassi
Ken Mecciarello

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Jones, Town Board Liaison
Drew Weaver, Codes Enforcement Officer
Scott Chase, ZBA Chairman
Nine members of the public
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Chairman Forelle called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A quorum was present.

POPP TIMBER HARVEST: Carl Popp was present. Chairman Forelle opened the public hearing at 7:30 by reading the legal notice. Popp gave a brief overview of the project. The forester was also present. Forelle asked how many board feet would be taken. Forester advised approximately 20,000. Forelle asked if they had permits from the Pine Plains Highway Dept. Popp stated they have preliminary approval from the Town. Weaver stated that they also need Dutchess County approval for the access onto Mt. Ross Road. Popp stated that the logger will obtain this and that is stated in his contract. He stated the logger must also obtain the permit from the Town when he is ready. Popp stated the logger also does the bonding and makes the repairs if there is any damage to the roads. Kathy Frankel questioned whether or not the double tree line adjoining her property would be involved in the harvest. Popp advised that parcel is not being logged. Waters asked the forester if they look for owl nests when they mark the trees. The forester stated they take that into consideration and leave those trees. No further comments from the public. Stabile made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:50 pm; second by Waters. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board completed the Short Form EAF. Osofsky made a motion to declare the Planning Board Lead Agency; second by Soracco. All in favor. Motion carried. The SEQR was

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completed. Salerno made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit conditioned on the applicant obtaining proper highway permits, bonding and subject to zoning regulations; second by Osofsky. All in favor. Motion carried.

GRASSI TIMBER HARVEST: Eric Hanson of Meltz Lumber was present representing the applicant. Chairman Forelle opened the public hearing at 7:50 pm by reading the legal notice. Hanson gave a brief overview of the project. Forelle asked how many board feet would be taken. Hanson stated approximately 110,000. Waters stated she had the same concerns with this property about owls nesting. Jan Brukman stated that there are barred owls on the property. Hanson stated that the DEC Forester checks for nests. No further public comment. Soracco made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:00pm; second by Osofsky. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board completed the Short Form EAF. Stabile made a motion to declare the Planning Board Lead Agency; second by Soracco. All in favor. Motion carried. The SEQOR was completed. Waters made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit conditioned on the applicant obtaining proper highway permits, bonding and subject to zoning regulations; second by Soracco. All in favor. Motion carried.

1133 TACONIC LLC TIMBER HARVEST: Jason Swartz, Director of Northern Dutchess Property Management, was present representing the applicant as well as the consulting forester for the project. This was a preliminary discussion for a Special Use Permit for a proposed timber harvest. The forester was present and he advised that they enrolled in the timber harvest in 2015 and have 1300 acres enrolled. They will be taking approximately 380,000 board feet. The harvest has DEC approval and they will be doing no clear cutting. Brief discussion followed. A brief discussion of the NND application followed. Swartz advised he would discuss this with the owner. A public hearing was set for 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 12.

Waters advised that she would like the minutes corrected as follows: under Grassi Timber Harvest, line 6 should read he would be using Woods Road to Stissing Mountain Road towards the west to Route 199. Osofsky made a motion to approve the August minutes with the above correction; second by Stabile. All in favor. Motion carried.

Short discussion followed on signs with regard to zoning changes. Weaver advised that Memorial Hall will be coming back before the Board in a month or two.

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Motion by Waters to adjourn at 8:25 pm; second by Stabile. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy E. Proper
Secretary

John Forelle
Chairman