

Planning Board Public Hearing
Jeremy Treadway-ADK,MX
Site Plan – Proposed Motorcross Track
Town of Fort Ann, NY
August 29, 2016

A Public Hearing was held by the Planning Board of the town of Fort Ann, County of Washington, and the state of New York was held at the Fort Ann Central School, 1 Catherine Street, Fort Ann, NY on the 29th day of August, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Donald Bedeaux Chairman
 William Hohmann Vice Chairman
 Brian Mattison
 Butch (Lewis) Barrett
 Chad Wilson
 Richard Winchell
 Jeff Meyer, Esq Attorney
 Deborah Fified Secretary

ABSENT: Curt Rehm

OTHERS PRESENT: R. Paul Lapan, M. Faranda, P. Carte, L. Carte, Bruce Wilson, Bob Hopkins, Mary Hopkins, Nanette Rushlow, Ruth Pettey, Pat Monahan, Hank & Barb Jarelan, Roy Harrison, Gloria Hill, Rodney Hill, John Coddington, Chris Greene, Sue Shull, Ralph Greene Jr., E. Hyde Clarke Esq., Don Pierce, Joelle Loso, Claire Greene, David Campbell, Jon Lapper Esq., Jeremy Treadway, Marie Yole, Wayne Yole, Bob Burch, George Harris, Karen Campbell, Tori Riley, Dan Monahan, Gregory Lehoisky, Joan Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Denny Fletcher, Tracy Monahan, Don Siano, Jo Siano, A. Morris, Robin Morris, Darlene Gordon, Bill Gordon, Sheila Sharrow, Kendra Cartier, Ruth Cartier, Tyler Hanley, Don Schuster, Chris & Laura Winchell, David Foote, Debra Foote, Michael Borgos Esq., Tom Martinson, Jason Bowman

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Donald Bedeaux called the public hearing to order. Jeremy Treadway is proposing to build a Motorcross Track located at 10786 State Route 149, Fort Ann NY 12827.

Jon Lapper, Esq, Attorney for Jeremy Treadway: At the July 25th Public Hearing, the Board suggested that an actual noise test be done using bikes, not just on paper. It took a while to get the protocol set up. The actual test was held Saturday, August 20th, with not enough time to submit all the documents for tonight's meeting. Therefore, I would like to request the Board hold a special meeting sometime in September prior to the September 26th meeting.

Chairman Bedeaux: asked if the Public had any comments that had not been heard

Tom Martinson, 597 West Road: Foiled the complete application, but has not had time to give it a careful analysis. Has found many things disturbing about the application. In the application was the Full Environmental Assessment Form, he feels things have not been addressed. He feels it sits in the middle of the

Washington County Halfway Brook Management Plan. Is too close to the Adirondack Park and to the canal and Route 4, which have been designated as scenic by-ways. As for water usage. He feels it will use more than 500 gallons a day. In researching other tracks, they use up to 5,000 gallons a day and 25,000 gallons on the weekend. Would like Mr. Treadway to tell the Board how he arrived at this figure and update it. Mr. Martinson then said how applicant appeals to the AMA as his authority. However the AMA will not dictate how the track is run. Other tracks talk about having medical on the track and fire safety equipment. He would like to know what the applicant plans to do about this. Lastly, he feels form is not accurately complete and was put together hurriedly. Applicant needs to redo the whole application and do it correctly.

Michael Borgos, Esq/Attorney from Queensbury: Attorney representing some of the residents opposing track. He would like to echo some of the suggestions from Mr. Martinson. He feels the application is far from complete. He just received the paperwork today that was delivered to the Town on Friday. Has not had a chance to review it all, but will have comments at the next scheduled meeting. The July 23rd letter from NOVUS found deficiencies. He has not yet seen where Sterling has responded to those. He then referred to the fact that the press is making comments that this process is taking an undue amount of time.

Lindsey Carte, 10662 State Route 149: Would like to remind the Board that there has been information from various sources that there are 6-8 people that oppose the track. There is a petition with 270 signatures of people who oppose the track. Handed to the Board a stack of a least 100 letters of people opposing the track.

Jason Bowman: Representing Central NY Motorcross Riders Asso. An organization that sanctions motorcross racing, along with the AMA since 1974. Grew up in Queensbury. Got into motorcross because his father was friends with Tom McDermott, who owns McDermott's Harley Davidson in Fort Ann. Tom was the first American to win a gold medal in what was known as the International 6 day trial. Ron Jeckell, who owned Jeckell and Sons Honda, was one of the founding fathers of American Motorcross. Within this community is a lot of history with motorcross. Shawn Graham from Hartford, who owns the Painted Pony, was a professional motorcross racer. Motorcross is a family sport with a group of solid individuals. Central NY Motorcross Riders Asso will do anything they can to support the community. He left with the Board the AMA rule book and the sound guidelines he had printed.

Jon Lapper Esq: Added that they stand behind the Environmental Assessment Form and will have Hutchins Engineering at the next meeting.

Board now had questions: Brian Mattison asked, regarding the proposed track, there isn't a lot of topographical information as far as height. Applicant responded that the elevation of the track will be the elevation of the jumps. He is building a flat track, with jumps that will be the elevation. Vice Chairman William Hohmann asked for information as to how high the jumps would be. 3 foot jumps, 6 foot jumps? Applicant- when the layout is done, it will determine how long a set of whoops will be. On an amateur track whoops would be like 2 foot-3 foot high. Then doubles, triples, table tops. On an amateur track the highest would be 6 foot. Chairman Don Bedeaux asked that something be given to the Board regarding this. Applicant explained that Mark Barnett builds 90% of the AMA tracks and he does it by feel. Things tend to change as the track is being built. He will get some of the standards to the Board. Chairman Bedeaux wants to see what track will be like, where berms will be, how high. Butch Barrett said he keeps hearing back and forth it's an amateur track, it's an AMA track. He feels AMA would mean it was professional. Applicant said it will be an AMA amateur track. Which is a different way of building the track.

Chairman Bedeaux: Planning Board is going to table a decision until they get a final report from their engineer. Will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm at the school if it is available.

Motion made by Brian Mattison at 8:10pm to adjourn public hearing, seconded by Richard Winchell

Vote: Ayes- 6 Nays 0 Abstain 0

Deborah A. Fifield,
Planning Board Secretary
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