

Planning Board Meeting

Town of Fort Ann, NY

October 26, 2015

Public Hearing for Jointa-Galusha – Goodsell Rd Mine

The Planning Board of the town of Fort Ann, County of Washington, and the state of New York held at the Town Hall, 80 George St Fort Ann, NY on the 26th day of October 2015 at 7:00 pm, a public hearing regarding an application from Jointa-Galusha, for approval of a hard rock quarry, on the west side of Rte 4, across from Rte 22.

PRESENT: Donald Bedeaux Chairman
William Hohmann Vice Chairman
Brian Mattison
Butch (Lewis) Barrett
Curt Rehm
Chad Wilson
Mary-Ellen Stockwell, Esq Attorney
Anne Wilcox Secretary

ABSENT: Charlie Selletti
Lynn Steves

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Miller – Code Enforcement Officer
Mike O'Connor – Jointa/Galusha – Goodsell Rd Mine Project
John Davidson – Jointa/Galusha VP
Jeff Lang – Engineer for Jointa/Galusha – Goodsell RD Mine Project

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman, Donald Bedeaux called the public hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Attorney Michael O'Connor presented an application on behalf of Jointa-Galusha, to operate a hard rock quarry on the west side of state Rte 4, across from state Rte 22.

The mine is approximately 62 acres of 288 acres owned by Jointa-Galusha.

Copies of the DEC mining permit, Army Corp of Engineers approval, stream disturbance permit were presented to the board.

A negative declaration was given by DEC, naming DEC as the lead agency.

Mr. O'Connor advised Washington County Planning Board, did make a resolution approving the project at their monthly Oct. meeting.

The secretary advised no written confirmation has been received from the Washington county Planning Board advising of their approval of this project.

Chairman Bedeaux asked the public if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the above described subdivision.

There were no public comments or questions.

Attorney Stockwell advised a recorded declaration of Restrictive Covenant has been recieved by her office via fax.

Attorney Stockwell, advised the board, DEC has deemed the project a type 1 action for SEQR purposes, and this project will not have a negative impact on the environment.

Mr. O'Connor requested the board pass a resolution to accept the project without being subject to the federal highway approval. The project cannot move forward without the approval of the Federal Highway DOT. DEC approval is contingent upon the Federal Highway DOT approval.

A motion was made by Bill Hohmann to deem DEC lead agency for SEQR Purposes, motion was seconded by Chad Wilson.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays 0 abstains

A motion was made to approve the project as submitted. The motion was made by Brian Mattison, seconded by Chad Wilson.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays 0 abstains

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 pm. There was no motion made to close the public hearing. This will be discussed at the 11/23/15 meeting.

Anne S Wilcox

Secretary