

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Planning Board held on March 2, 2023 at 7 PM at the Town of Sennett Town Office Building.

Present Members

Pat Leamy, Chairman

Mike Szozda

Mike Case

Jerry Sankey

Richard "Dick" Phillips

Mary Major

Dominic Giacona, Esq.

Jon Hinman, Engineer, MRB Group via video call

Pat opens the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge. Mike Case makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Mike Szozda seconds, all ayes, minutes approved.

Tonight, the board is reviewing the subdivision for Auburn Associates. The easement agreement was approved by Dominic and Jon—there is appropriate ingress, egress, and water access. Dick says that he spoke to Kris LaPointe Jr., the water and sewer superintendent and asked if the board could approve the subdivision contingent upon the drainage. Dick is worried about this creating a problem in the future with sewer and water bills. He also points out that the board asked for a map with contours in February that they did not receive. Dick also notes the current pond and grease trap on the map they received months ago. Dick says he asked LaPointe if there could be an agreement set that the subdivided parcel is billed separately. LaPointe said the Town would have to make that decision. This was addressed with the easement, documenting a special formula for the property owner to be held responsible for their share.

Mike Case makes a motion to approve the subdivision, Mary seconds, all ayes. Motion carried. Pat says the easement needs to be recorded prior to the subdivision.

Next, Dan O'Hara is present to address his application to build a house on his land on Depot Road. He owns 15.4 acres. Most work will be done by the property owners, O'Hara also owns the lot behind this land. It has city water. The board has no questions on this. Mike Szozda makes a motion to approve the site plan, Mike Case seconds, all ayes, motion carried.

The final hearing for the night is for OI Glass. They plan to rebuild the furnace inside the facility. It will be a regenerative furnace to burn natural gas and oxygen. It will be cleaner and will recycle to produce less waste. The existing stack will be demolished and removed. A new one will be put in its place. Mark Parrish, from Ramball, goes over the maps and plans with the board. Jon says he will review the site plan on the engineering end for the board. They will also need to come to the ZBA for a height variance for some equipment that will be needed. They are required to get an air permit from the DEC but the SEQR is required before they can apply for that. They would like to begin construction by July or August. Tonight, they are asking that the board declare themselves as Lead Agency. Jon received the SEQR and said it is an unlisted action, can move forward. Dick makes a motion to declare the Town of Sennett as lead agency, Jerry seconds, all ayes, motion carried.

The board would like to know what the street views of the towers will be to know if it will affect the surrounding areas and adjacent properties. Parrish said they can get that for the board, the towers will be in the same place as the current ones and are only visible from the entrance to the property. The tallest stack is 140'2". This will be tabled until next month.

The planning board still needs 2 alternates and 1 member. They have 2 people interested and possible Dan O'Hara. Pat will tell Supervisor Blair. Mike Case will be off the board at the end of the current term.

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Pat asks the board members to write down ideas they have for in-house trainings, probably late afternoon trainings on-site. He wants to set some up for Spring.

Mike Case motions to adjourn, Mike Szozda seconds. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Edmunds, Board Clerk