### Saratoga County <u>Tom Lewis, Chairman Planning Department Jason Kemper,</u> Director

# Saratoga County Planning Board Meeting Minutes July 20, 2017

The meeting held at the office of the Saratoga County Planning Department located at 50 West High Street in Ballston Spa was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**<u>Members Present</u>**: Tom L. Lewis, Chairman, Ed Vopelak, Connie Wood, Devin DalPos.

**<u>Staff</u>**: Jason Kemper, Director, Michael Valentine, Senior Planner; Jaime O'Neill, Planner, Cyndi Nick, Secretary.

**Guests:** Gary Meier, Saratoga County DPW

**Recusals:** Tom Lewis recused himself from #17-127, #17-143, #17-147.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Vopelak and seconded by Mrs. Wood.

### **REFERRALS:**

### 17-06 Town of Wilton Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Valentine presented an application for an area variance to convert an existing residence into a club for baseball training and batting practice along NYS Route 50. The County Planning Board has reviewed this application before for an area variance and this is a correction to that as well as for special use permit and site plan in recent months. Mr. Valentine recommended approve.

### 17-123 Town of Ballston Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Valentine presented an application for an amendment to a special use permit for Lang Media to convert both sides of an existing static billboard to a moving digital display billboard in the town's billboard overlay zone along NYS Route 50 and Mourningkill Drive. This is per court a stipulation. Mr. Valentine recommended approval as per court stipulation.

### 17-128 Town of Ballston Planning Board

Ms. O'Neill presented an application for Site Plan Review for CW Ventures for seven 2-story apartment buildings for a total of 56 units, 125 accessory parking spaces on 6.39 acres along NYS Rte. 67 and Brookline Road(CR#60). The existing traffic levels along both roads are of major concern to the county planning board as well as the county DPW. The Board would like to review a traffic study prior to rendering any decision on the referral. The County DPW will need to approve the new access onto Brookline road and the Saratoga County Sewer District #1 will need to approval sewer connection for this development. Ms. O'Neill recommended request additional information.

### 17-137 City of Saratoga Springs Planning Board

Mr. Valentine presented an application for Site Plan Review of Saratoga Hospital for a 3,000 sf expansion to the existing hospital on Church Ave. The proposed site plan depicts an addition to the existing 2005 structure, a \$5.6M expansion of radiation therapy services requested through NYS DOH to build a  $2^{nd}$  vault for administration of treatments. Saratoga Hospital is a 171-bed facility (5th largest hospital in the region w/~2,500 employees). We recognize that over the last 3-4 years Saratoga Hospital has invested \$36M in a new ICU and 10 operating rooms, but last year's proposed 75,000 sq. ft. expansion was stopped in the planning stages due to zoning and neighborhood issues. There do not appear to be any of the latter associated with this proposed expansion. Mr. Valentine recommended approval.

### 17-143 Town of Clifton Park Planning Board

Mr. Kemper presented an application for the construction of a Stewarts Shop convenience store with gas pumps along NYS Rte. 146 and Vischer Ferry Road. This referral was before the county in February 2017 for area variances and additional information was requested at that time regarding clarification of the number of fueling points and proposed access with respect to fuel trucks and the limited space on site. In June this information was requested again. Overall density form February to the application submitted in July has increased including the addition of fueling stations. Discussion was held regarding the location of utilities, HVAC equipment and dumpsters. Mr. Kemper recommended request additional information including comments on a traffic study, County DPW comments be addressed, overall number of variances are excessive and the number of fueling stations should be reduced.

A motion to approve Planning Department recommendations for the referrals as presented was made by Mr. Dal Pos, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Wood and unanimously approved. A quorum was not present for votes on referrals #17-127, #17-143 or #14-147 due to recusal.

**DISCLAIMER:** Recommendations made by the Saratoga County Planning Board on referrals and subdivisions are based upon the receipt and review of a "full statement of such proposed action" provided directly to SCPB by the municipal referring agency as stated under General Municipal Law Section 239. A determination of action is rendered by the SCPB based upon the completeness and accuracy of information presented by its staff. The SCPB cannot be accountable for a decision rendered through incomplete or <u>inaccurate</u> information received as part of the complete statement.

# **SUBDIVISIONS**

# 17-A-32 Town of Clifton Park

Mr. Kemper presented a subdivision for 79 single family lots on 106.44 acres along NYS Rte. 146. Discussion was held regarding a traffic study and the use of a stub street to interconnect developments. Mr. Kemper recommended No Significant County Wide or Inter Community Impact.

### 17-A-33 Town of Clifton Park

Mr. Kemper presented a subdivision for 3 lots in order to construct 3 duplex units along Grooms Rd. (CR#91). Discussion was help about the use of a shared access off of Grooms Road manage access along the county highway. Discussion was also had regarding the level of density this proposal is at and that the town may wish to have the application consider reducing the proposed density due to the amount of site constraints. By reducing overall density they could achieve a better design. Mr. Kemper recommended No Significant County Wide or Inter Community Impact.

A motion to approve Planning Department recommendations for the subdivisions as presented was made by Mrs. Wood, the motion was seconded by Mr. Murray and unanimously approved.

### Adjournment

As there was no other business to come before the board, on a motion made by Mr. Vopelak and seconded by Mrs. Wood the meeting was adjourned with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Jaime L. O'Neill, Planner