

# Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting Minutes

## January 26, 2023

The meeting is called to Order at 6:03 pm.

Present:

Chairman Joseph Sibiga

Board Members Present: Chris McInerney, Travis Coddington, Steve Bobik, Anthony Carminati, Katherine Parr,

Absent: Shelley Curry

Public Present: Councilman Kevin Smith

New Business:

**NYC DEP** Land Acquisition Notification for review. 47.4 - acre parcel. SBL: 43.3-2-27.300

The **NYC DEP** looking for feedback from the Town. Notification states that the property will be posted as a public access area to allow hunting, hiking, fishing and trapping without a DEP access permit. NYC will manage the property out of the Grahamsville Field Office in addition to the Red Hill Knolls Recreation Unit. Parcel features include about 3300 feet of frontage on two small tributaries and is mostly wooded – deciduous and non-deciduous trees. The property contains gentle sloping areas nearer to the road and steeper areas further into the property. Parking on the south side of Red Hill Knolls Road at the parcels frontage is available in several areas for one to three cars. Discussion follows regarding actual location of the property, criteria for DEP purchase, parking issues, the MOA, water issues, etc.

Chairman Sibiga states that the Land Acquisition Notification requests comments. “Don’t buy it” – comment from all Planning Board members. Discussion continues regarding alternative options regarding keeping this and other properties on the Town’s tax rolls.

Chairman Sibiga to reply to DEP and speak to Supervisor Brooks regarding same.

Correspondence:

- Logging Notification received for Property Owner Horseshoe Hunting Club c/o John Sutherland – 679 Wild Meadow Road. SBL: 42-1-2 - Logger is Dutcher Logging out of Hurleyville, NY - Number of trees: 562 - 80 Acres – 480A - 39,714 board feet. Beginning date of January 21 2023 to November 1, 2023. Insurance certificate included with \$100.00 fee.
- Letter from the LaBerge Group out of Albany – it comes annually – offering their services in municipal engineering and planning board review services. To be kept on file.
- NY Planning Federation Notice of Conference April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup> in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Old Business:

- There is no old business before the Board.

Chairman Sibiga asks for Board Comments:

- Katherine Parr **and Travis Coddington** raised the issue of the Town coming up with a position or some kind of statement or legal stance regarding DEP Acquisition of property in the Town which could possibly be first offered for sale to keep it on the tax rolls. Also need to confirm exactly what criteria is used in the MOA by the DEP. Chairman Sibiga agrees to discuss the matter with Supervisor Brooks.

Chairman Sibiga asks for Town Board Liaison Kevin Smith's comments:

- Mr. Smith agrees to also speak with Supervisor Brooks regarding this matter.

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:36 pm made by Anthony Carminati and Seconded by Chris McInerney.

The next Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting will be held at 6 pm on February 16, 2023.