

MINUTES
TOWN OF GORHAM PLANNING BOARD
September 26, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Harvey Mrs. Rasmussen
 Mr. Hoover Mr. Henry
 Mr. Farmer Mr. Zimmerman

EXCUSED: Mr. Dailey

Chairman Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mr. Hoover made a motion to approve the August 22, 2016, & August 29, 2016, minutes as presented. Mrs. Rasmussen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Application #18-2016, Rufus Zimmerman, owner of property at 5018 Townline Road, request site plan approval to construct a concrete manure storage facility.

The public hearing was opened and the notice, as it appeared in the official newspaper of the town, was read.

This application is exempt from the State Environmental Quality Review Act, because it is on the Type II list. It is recognized as an agricultural activity and therefore there is no environmental review required.

Rufus Zimmerman, was present and presented the application to the board.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that the facility will be manure storage for a 30 cow herd.

The facility will be concrete, fenced in and meets all the required setbacks.

Chairman Harvey asked where the parcel water supply was located.

Mr. Zimmerman explained where the well was located between the house and the barn.

Chairman Harvey asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Farmer asked if there was some safety provision in place in regards to someone falling into the pit.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that the fence is all around the pit with a gate that opens for the pump access.

The safety issue was discussed. It was suggested that an inner tube and a rope be placed in this area or a ladder if required by OSHA.

Mrs. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the site plan, which is a Type II action and does not require further

review under SEQR, with the following condition. 1. An inner tube, rope or ladder is placed in the pit area. Mr. Hoover seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Application #19-2016, Harvey & Nevin Sensenig, owners of property at 4579 Robson Road, request site plan approval to construct a concrete manure storage facility.

The public hearing was opened and the notice, as it appeared in the official newspaper of the town, was read.

This application is exempt from the State Environmental Quality Review Act, because it is on the Type II list. It is recognized as an agricultural activity and therefore there is no environmental review required.

Rufus Zimmerman, was present for the applicants and presented the application to the board.

The manure storage facility will be concrete with 12' high walls.

There is public water on this parcel.

Chairman Harvey asked if there were any more comments. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the site plan, which is a Type II action and does not require further review under SEQR, with the following condition. 1. An inner tube, rope or ladder is placed in the pit area. Mr. Hoover seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Thomas P. Harvey, Chairman

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