

Town of Homer Planning Board

Minutes for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 7:00pm

Board Members (absent *)

Michael McMahon, Chairman *

Jon Miller

Betsy Gray

Bruce Crandall *

Zach Young

Chad Butts *

Michael May

Others Present

Lindsay Andersen, Recording Secretary

Kevin McMahon, CEO*

Pat Snyder, Attorney

Public Attendance: Debra Howe, Paul and Danielle Daughtery, Kristopher Buchan (Real Estate Broker), Amber Oyler

Public Hearing

Chairman McMahon opened the public hearing for **an application by the Donald Vaber estate to subdivide 9 acres from a 164-acre parcel on Foster Road.**

Kristopher Buchan stated he is the real estate broker representing the Vaber estate sale and he stated the 9 acres will be sold with the house and he anticipates the remaining land to be donated to a preservation. Donald Vaber's wish was to never have the land developed.

With no further questions or comments the public hearing was closed.

Chairman McMahon opened the public hearing for **an application by East River Acres, LLC, for an approval to subdivide a 14-acre lot out of the existing 389-acre parcel along McDonald Road.**

Paul Daughtery asked what the property was being subdivided for. Zach Young stated the lot is being subdivided for a residential lot and the buyer plans to build a house.

Debra Howe stated she lives directly across from the 14 acres and does not want to see a housing development in that area.

With no further questions or comments the public hearing was closed.

Chairman McMahon asked if anyone in attendance had any comments on the application for site plan approval by Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc, for site plan approval for a building on Creech Road.

The representative from Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Amber Oyler asked if all required information had been submitted. Attorney Snyder stated he believes all of the information that is needed has been submitted.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Regular Meeting

Chairman McMahon opened the meeting for discussion of **an application by the Donald Vaber estate to subdivide 9 acres from a 164-acre parcel on Foster Road.**

Attorney Snyder read the letter received by the Cortland County Planning Department which stated the request is technically adequate and has no state or county wide impact. The application was returned for local determination.

Chairman McMahon reviewed all questions on the short environmental assessment form with the board members. All questions were answered no.

Member May made the motion to declare a negative declaration under SEQR. Member Miller seconded the motion. With all members in favor saying "aye", none opposed, and none abstained. The motion was carried unanimous 5,0,0.

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Amber Oyler had already left the meeting during the public hearing. Attorney Snyder stated that this application has been in front of the board previously, but the applicant would like to demolish and re-build two of the building that are currently on site. Both buildings will be slightly larger and re-configured but will not be much larger in size. The activity is not considered residential and therefore requires site plan review.

Trisha Jessett, Cortland County Director of Planning stated the matter is considered a minor site plan approval and therefore does not need to be reviewed by the county planning department.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Lindsay M. Andersen, Recording Secretary