

MEMBERS:

Bryan White, Chairman
Kim Yourch
Matt Sousa
Sonia Phelan
David Shields (absent)

The meeting began at 7:03 PM.

RESIGNATION:

Ms. Kim Boyd and Mr. Paul Dureus have given their resignations from the Conservation Board. The Conservation members thank them for their service.

The Conservation members reviewed the following Planning Board applications.

SKY SOLAR:

Sky Solar located on the western portion of Commercial Drive, west and east application on 13.2 total acres.

Mr. White reviewed and explained the application. The Farmington Planning Board finds the two applications to be acceptable to be scheduled for public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

The Conservation members had the following comments on both the East and West applications.

1. Would like to see the tree clearing kept to a minimum.
2. Battery noise should not impact the surrounding properties. A desktop noise study is recommended.
3. Would like to have baseline soil samples done prior to being built around the proximity of the battery storage.
4. Comply with DEC and NYS fish and wildlife regulations, No cutting of tree's over three inches in diameter from April 1st to October 31st if the DEC and/or FWS finds that there are northern long eared bat in this area.

BRICKWOOD MANAGEMENT:

Applicant submitted an application for revised plans. The original Pintail Crossing project consisted of 112 apartment units in 14 buildings, plus a 3,300square foot community building on 15.9 acres that were rezoned by the Town Board to residential multi family. Phase 1 of the project was approved by the Planning Board on February 21, 2018. Phase 2 was envisioned to include the construction of 6 buildings containing 48 apartment and parking lots.

Applicant is now proposing to create two lots from the existing one. Lot R1A will contain the 64 units and the community building previously constructed, and lot R18 will contain the 40 units to be constructed by Brickwood Management. The road will be dedicated and will be known as Pintail Crossing.

After phase 1 was constructed, funding was not received for phase 2 and that portion of the project is in the process of being sold and will now be developed by Brickwood Management,

This section is called Creekwood Phase 2.

The Conservation members had the following comments:

1. Leave as much undisturbed site as possible.
2. Minimal tree clearing.
3. Add tree plantings (native species) and landscaping.

FARMINGTON AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD:

The Farmington Agriculture Advisory Board Committee received a draft local law for amending a number of sections of Chapter 165 of the Town Code (Zoning Law), including provisions for changing the designation of the A-80 Agricultural District to RA-80 Rural Agricultural District and creation of an APOD Agriculture Protection Overlay District. The Conservation members will review and reach out to Mr. White with any comments by April 5, 2024.

ADOPT-A- HIGHWAY:

The members have tentatively chosen April 14, 2024 at 9:00 for their spring clean up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2024 at 7:00PM.

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.