

Town of Corinth Planning Board

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Planning Board Final Meeting Minutes: February 20,2020

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Chairman

David Barrass

Members

Althea Rivette

Dan Willis

Joan Beckwith

Louise Reed

Planning Board Attorney

Brian Reichenbach

Planning Board Secretary

Lynn Summers

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair David Barrass

Attendance roll call.

Members Present:

Althea Rivette – Yes

Joan Beckwith - Yes

Dan Willis- Yes

Louise Reed - Yes

David Barrass - Yes

Lynn Summers - Yes

Brian Reichenbach Att. - Yes

2. Motion to approve January 16, 2020 minutes as written

Motion by: Joan Beckwith **Seconded by:** Althea Rivette

Polled as Followed:

Louise Reed: yes

Dan Willis: yes

David Barrass: yes

Althea Rivette: yes

Joan Beckwith: Yes

Motion passed and carried: Aye

3. Planning Board Cases- Initial review of application for Special Use Permit- Timber Harvest (Application and SEQR Short part 1)

Lyme Adirondack Forest Co- International Paper

Property Address: 726 CR 24 Corinth

TM#: 74.-2-11.1 and 74.-2-6.11

Project Name: Lyme Adirondack Timber Harvest

Presentation to the Planning Board by International Paper Manager and Lyme Adirondack Forest Co, LLC Senior Forester.

Wood procurement- 127 acres involved – chipping and taking some full logs

Harvesting the older trees and leaving the seedlings.

Chairman Barrass stated that a Saratoga County Planning Board referral was submitted to the County. Project is located on a County Highway and within 500ft. of the Village of Corinth and Town of Lake Luzerne.

SCPB Referral Review #20-12- Special Use Permit-Timber Harvesting by Lyme Adirondack Forest Co. Location: Spier Falls Rd (CR#24) Zoned Industrial

A proposal for selective timber harvesting (thinning) on two parcels owned by International Paper located between the Hudson River and Spier Falls Road.

Decision: No Significant County Wide or Inter Community Impact- No site plan review only a timber harvesting permit to be issued by COE.

Access to acreage will be from an existing logging road along CR#24.

Temporary permit- County emphasized the importance of the stabilization required for the driveway at the entrance to the work area, the maintenance of flow thru culvert, and the necessity of prompt cleaning of the county road during each work day as necessary and especially at the end of each day's work (especially with freezing conditions).

Zoning Board Administrator Jim Martin Determination:

Determination: My determination is as follows: Timber harvesting as requested in the permit is not an allowed use in the portions of each parcel that are within the R-1 District. Approval of a use variance is required prior to the beginning of any timber harvesting activities within the portion of these parcels that are within the R-1 District. For those portions of the parcels in the I District, timber harvesting is considered a process as defined under the "Industrial/Manufacturing" use and is subject to approval Special Use Permit from the Planning Board prior to the beginning of any timber harvesting activities within the portion of these parcels that are within the I District.

Regarding the application as received, I offer the following notes for your consideration:

- It is noted that the applicant intends that timber harvesting activities will not extend near the shoreline area of the river; areas of steep slope; or areas near the capped landfills.
- On page 7 of 9 – question 1 regarding noise – it may be appropriate to inquire about hours of harvesting operations and limiting hours to commonly accepted work hours (e.g. 8:00am to 7:00pm). Also, it may be worthwhile to ask about the specific equipment to be utilized and the levels of noise anticipated to be generated at varying distances and at the property line. Lastly inquiry should be made as to the form of muffler employed on each piece of machinery that will generate potentially objectionable noise.
- On page 8 of 9 – outdoor lighting. The response appears to be adequate mitigation for any potential for adverse impact to neighboring residential properties. The hours of operation range as referenced above will also further mitigate the potential for adverse impacts.
- It should be confirmed if the harvesting operations will include stump removal and/or ground disturbance activities in excess of one acre. If so, a SWPPP may be required.
- It may be appropriate to consider erosion and sediment control measures along temporary access routes and/or "header" areas where trees are to be stored.

Chairman Barrass addressed concerns re:

Noise level – equipment noise, outdoor lighting – buffers along the road for lights, landscaping- leave some screen, select harvest, removing mature trees & leaving the young trees.

PB questions to applicant:

How many trucks per day? – Carl Lindberg- approximately 10 loads per day
Length of operation? – Carl weather dictated, anticipate the middle of 3/2020
may return to finish if can't complete this spring

Chairman Barrass said that Lyme Timber Harvest started harvesting not aware that they needed a Special Use Permit. So, the Code Enforcement Officer shut the operation down.

Road Entry- Keep CR24 clean? Carl said they have stone on the drive

SEQR Part 2- Questions read by the Attorney Brian Reichenbach

Planning Board responded to the questions.

A motion was made by Joan Beckwith seconded by Dan Willis for a negative Declaration.

Roll: Louise – yes

Dan- yes

Dave-yes

Althea-yes

Joan-yes

All in favor-aye – motion passed

Applicant provided the Certified Mail receipts.

Public Hearing: Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 7:20pm

Lyme Adirondack Forest Co-International Paper

Property Address: 726 CR 24 Corinth

Project Name: Lyme Adirondack Timber Harvest

PB Secretary read the Public Hearing Notice- published in the Post Star on 2/7/20

Public Comments:

Guard out on road directing traffic when trucks go in and out? – SC requires signs out on road but no guard.

Natural gas lines there- Lyme Timber said they are aware of the location gas lines.

Is enough buffer being left by the road? IP Manger said yes in fact they go above and beyond the requirements for a buffer.

Brush? Carl said it will be chipped

Seasonal waterflow? Carl – no not in the harvest area

Buffer by river edge? Carl- will be cutting 300 ft from river. IP Manger said they exceed the Best Management Practices.

Application #7-

Does the proposed use involve hazardous materials? How are you handling fuel, etc? Carl- will be stored in a job trailer, might be in a field tank. IP Manager said they always have spill containers on project site.

Application #8- re: roads -using any existing dirt roads near the landfills – Carl we will not be using those existing roads.

Public – No more comments-

Motion to close Public Hearing by Joan Beckwith, seconded by Althea Rivette.

Roll: Louise- yes, Dan-yes, Dave-yes, Althea-yes, Joan-yes. All in favor-aye

Additional Comments by the Planning Board after the Public Hearing was closed.

Flagman? – deferred to the SC Review Decision- Road signs are necessary but did not reference that a flagman was needed.
Carl Lindberg Lyme Harvest stated that the truck drivers sit very high in the Trucks and have good vision. IP Manager said that equipment Operators are very experienced and understand the safety risks.
School Bus safety? Decision was there aren't any bus stops in the area Dan said he is comfortable with the SC recommendations, they are acceptable and he had no additional concerns.
Dave asked what time will the trucks start? Carl about 6:45AM.
No more concerns.

Motion made to approve the Application for Special Use Permit for International Paper/Lyme Harvesting made by Joan Beckwith seconded by Althea Rivette. Roll: Louise-yes, Dan-yes, Dave-yes, Althea-yes, Joan-yes. All in favor-aye

Meeting Closed at: 7:35

Motion to adjourn made by: Joan Beckwith seconded by: Althea Rivette

Polled as follows:

Louise Reed: yes

Dan Willis: yes

David Barrass: yes

Althea Rivette: yes

Joan Beckwith: yes

Motion passed and carried: Aye

Submitted by Lynn Summers – Secretary