

**PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

October 18, 2005

The Planning Board, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York held a **Regular Meeting**, on October 18, 2005, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Chairman Mathusa presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Present: Daniel Odell, Acting Planning Board Chairman
Keith Silliman, Planning Board Counsel
Howard Engel, Planning Board Member
Christine Motta, Planning Board Member
Thomas Cotrofeld, Planning Board Member
Katherine McCarthy, Planning Board Member

Janine Saatman, Deputy Town Planner
Michael Morelli, Deputy Director of Economic Development & Planning
Randall Passmann, Town Senior Engineer

Paul Hite, LLS, Lands of Barkman
Mr. Barkman, Lands of Barkman

Robert Jasinski
Marie Capone
Doug Weishiet, Glenmont
Joe Hildenbrant, Boy Scout Troop 81
Chris Williams, Boy Scout Troop 81
Joe Anastasio

Agenda: Lands of Barkman

Lands of Barkman

Acting Chairman Odell called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The first item on the agenda was the Lands of Barkman, a site plan located on Route 9W. They were before the Board for possible action on the final approval documents.

Mr. Hite gave an overview of the project. It had been before the Board about a year ago and since that time the applicant had looked into alternative methods for handicapped accessibility. They had considered lifts for the front of the building instead of the long ramp. After meeting with the lift company, they decided to use the ramp. The handicapped parking would remain as previously shown. The driveway onto Hague Boulevard had been turned slightly towards Route 9W per the Engineering Division's request. The New York State (NYS) DOS and the Albany County Health Department now required commercial sites to place a back flow prevention

device on the waterline. The Town and the County have approved the application for this device and it has been sent to the State for their approval. The final approval was a condition of the approval document prior to issuing a Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) Mr. Hite stated that signs would direct the flow of traffic into and out of the site. The computations of the runoff from the driveway onto Hague Blvd. had been submitted as requested. They had received the necessary permit from the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT.)

Mr. Hite stated that the sign they wanted to put in was not allowed under the new Zoning Law in this zone. They understood that they would have to come back before the Board if that part of the Law was amended to allow free standing signs, if not, they would need to go before the Board of Appeals.

Acting Chairman Odell turned the Board's attention to the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part II that was a part of the package of documents that Ms. Saatman had sent to the Board for review. There were no questions from the Board.

The next document for consideration was the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Resolution, Negative Declaration. There were no questions from the Board.

A motion to approve the SEQR, Negative Declaration as drafted was offered by Mr. Cotrofeld, seconded by Mr. Engel and approved by all members present.

The Board reviewed the Site Plan Approval #119. Ms. Saatman stated that the Albany County Planning Board had sent back their response with a recommendation to have the project reviewed by NYS DOT, which had been done. One of the conditions of the approval document was to submit a copy of the runoff calculations stamped by an engineer.

A motion to approve SPA (Site Plan Approval) #119 as drafted was offered by Ms. Motta, seconded by Ms. McCarthy and approved by all members present.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2005 as amended was offered by Ms. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Engel and approved by all members present.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Ms. Motta, seconded by Ms. McCarthy and approved by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.