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From: "Lynne Eckardt" <midfarm@bestweb.net>
Date: Fri Mar 5, 2004 11:38 am
Subject: Recap of Southeast Town Board Work Session

Hello All,

Below is a brief recap of the Town Board work session last night.

Comments follow.

SPECIAL MEETING:

After a brief public hearing the Town Board authorized the supervisor to sign a cable franchise agreement with Susquehanna Cable.

WORK SESSION:

1. ACCESSORY APARTMENTS. This was deferred.
2. TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM- Establishment of a Performance Bond. This will be on the March 18th meeting.
3. INDIAN WELLS SUBDIVISION- Release of a Performance Bond. This will be on the March 18th meeting.
4. PUTNAM COUNTY PLANNER- Park and Ride. Two representatives presented a plan to rehabilitate the Park and Ride on Route 312 and to create a new Park and Ride commuter lot on Route 6 (opposite where Route 312 comes in). 80% of the money will come from federal grants with the remaining 20% coming from the state. The new lot would also serve those who want to use the Bikeway. The DEP would be involved and impervious surfaces minimized. Landscaping would be extensive (although no plans were shown). A letter of support from the Town Supervisor is needed before this plan can proceed.

The Board had some questions. It was clear that the Board feels that county owned parking lots are currently not well maintained. There was a great deal of concern regarding the fact that this area is a 'Gateway' to Southeast.

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5. HONOR- BREWSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Ceasar asked for the town's support at a dinner honoring the above on May 19th. Place and time to be announced.

6. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT- SUMMER HELP: Highway Superintendent Jim Lawler would like to purchase a water truck and hire 2 people to take care of town owned medians this summer.

Concerns were voiced whether or not the union would object. Supervisor Lawler didn't feel that this would be an issue as it would be part time help.

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERFORMANCE BOND: United Cerebral Palsey. This will be on the March 18th meeting. See comments.

COMMENTS:

Since CRSE has heard from many of you re. the Stone Crest Senior Housing near the Post Office we thought you'd want to know about the United Cerebral Palsey Project as well. Everyone we heard from was dismayed by the extreme excavation of the hill to accomodate Stone Crest. CRSE will be watching this project carefully, especially with regards to the pond and wetlands.

United Cerebral Palsey is a fully approved project that will be built on the corner of Route 22 and Doansberg Road (Mt. Ebo).

According to the file there will be two buildings totaling 93,600 square feet (2.5 acres). These buildings will be on an 11.64 acre site that has 2.63 acres of water surface (the pond on Route 22) and .67 acres of wetlands. There will be a nursery school/day care center serving 65-75 children. There will be parking for 270 cars. At peak hours there will be 150 trips. This plan was approved about 2 years ago.

Park and Ride: The jury is out on the proposed commuter parking lot. CRSE would like to see plans before commenting further. This has been on and off various agendas for a while.

As for the water truck. .. Maintaining the Route 6 'Gateway' median would certainly be a plus. By July it's usually a weed infested nightmare. In maintaining other town properties (Ives Farm was mentioned as an example) care should be taken as to which neighborhoods will receive planting and follow up maintenance. It would be helpful to see a list of properties that will be covered.

As always please e-mail me with any questions or comments that you may have.

With best regards,
Lynne Eckardt

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