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Hi All,

Sat Jun 17, 2006 3:23 pm

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Gosh, I have a lot of catching up to do but I might as well do it in order. On Thursday, June 8th I attended a Town Board Work Session. This was mercifully brief so I'll try to keep the recap brief as well.

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Of course, there was the usual 'Junior High' moment when the TB thought it might be fun to whisper and make snarky asides about the Dairy Conveyor certiorari settlement. But of course it's always hilarious when the town over-assesses, goes into litigation and in the end loses a few thousand of our bucks in a settlement. Tee Hee.

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The gratuitous 'Non-Sequitur or Did I really say **that?**' award of the evening was won handily by Councilman Paul Johnson who happily asked questions and made statements apropos of absolutely nothing.

As always the opinions expressed are solely my own snippy take on dysfunctional political life in Southeast. I can assure you they represent no board of which I am a member.

AGENDA:

1. John Simpson Road- Speed Limit Road Reduction:
Dan Richmond was the attorney of record for a subdivision proposed on John Simpson Road (Tenth Jam, I believe). It seems that if the speed limit is reduced to 30 MPH the sight lines for the project will be better. This will be on the June 15th agenda.

2. Speed Limit Reduction Route 121:

The Board seemed in favor of a speed reduction here. This will be on the June 15th agenda.

3. Tax Certiorari- Dairy Conveyor Corp.

There was some difficult to hear chatter about 'voucher lists'. This will be on the June 15th agenda.

4. Variance from Moratorium- Super Value Inc.

No representative present- postponed.

5. Wetlands Permit- Jonke Building Lot

This lot is on Joes Hill Road. A culvert will run under the driveway. Will be on the June 15th agenda.

6. Wetlands Permit- Salmon Daily Brook, Lot 49

Applicant: Ross Allen. This was a formerly approved lot but permits expired. .72 out of 2 acres are in the wetland buffer. Councilwoman Mitts asked about a neighbor who had complained about water in their basement. Mr. Allen said he would make sure to address any issues that the neighbor has. The Board felt that the Town Engineer should look at the site.

Councilman Johnson asked the applicant if he was from Yonkers.

7. Wetlands Permit- Penella LLC- 261 Fields Lane

A 6000 square foot building to be built on 6.89 acres. The building will be 90% warehouse 10% office. Total disturbance will be less than an acre. Storm water basin is in a controlled area. Reduced impervious surface. Total 14,000 sq. ft. or 4.7% of total property.

Councilman Johnson mentioned that some dirt roads were actually impervious. And Councilwoman Mitts asked 'which dirt roads?'

8. Highway- Agreement to Spend Funds

The Board agreed with paving improvements proposed for Allview and Starr Ridge Roads.

COMMENTS:**John Simpson Road:**

Lowering a speed limit to make it easier for a developer to develop makes little... make that, **no** sense to me. And since the Tenth Jam property is a 'bring your own carabineers and pitons' piece of land- there's even less reason to accommodate the applicant. I like Dan Richmond but scheesh- this site is perched right over the Middlebranch with slopes worthy of a double diamond.

Dairy Conveyor Corp.

This is where the junior high crap really kicked in. There was lots of tittering about 'voucher lists' and how they'd better remember the 'figure' etc. I believe this hijinks was in reference to the embarrassing Bergins' incident where the Town Board blamed CRSE for \$40,000 in litigation 'copying' fees. Suffice it to say the Board was incorrect on Bergins as the 40 grand had, in fact, been another 'hilarious' certiorari settlement.

Anyhow, I couldn't hear from my usual perch in the back so, like the bad kid in school, I moved to front row center. Problem solved.

Wetlands Permit, Salmons Daily Brook:

Holy Moly almost half of the property in the wetland buffer! And heavens... shouldn't developer, Ross Allen, know not to let permits expire?

This gem has been around for years (I'm guessing at least 3) as earth had been moved around the site. Councilwoman Mitts seemed the most concerned and asked several discerning questions. Building up points for the coveted 'Non Sequitor' award Paul Johnson asked the applicant if he was from Yonkers but seems Mr. Allen hails from Mt. Vernon- like it matters...

Penella:

Again Mrs. Mitts was all over this and asked several good questions. It's the 90% warehouse 10% office that's the real killer here. But then how much worse can Fields Lane get.

Mr. Johnson pulled out all the stops and mentioned that some dirt roads were actually impervious. What exactly did this have to do with the proceedings? Not a clue... except that Mr. J. seems slightly obsessed with trotting out this 'fun fact' whenever he can. Anyhow this sewed up the 'Did I really say **that?**' trophy for him. Mrs. Mitt's addition of 'which dirt roads?' seemed unnecessary at best since no one ever seems willing to name names. Good lord, I hope they're not still irritated about the 700 signatures and well attended meeting re. 'The Paving of Maple Road'... Nah, they'd never be that petty.

That's it from my desk.

As always please feel free to e-mail me with any questions or comments you might have and enjoy the rest of the weekend!

With Best Regards,
Lynne Eckardt

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