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Hello All,

Here is a brief recap of last night's Planning Board meeting.

Some comments follow.

1. WESTON CHASE SUBDIVISION: Turk Hill Road.12 Lots.The Board voted 5-0 with one abstention granting conditional final approval. This subdivision is in litigation. Weston Chase has its wetland's permit and 280a approval. To get its Drainage District status there should be a public hearing.

This development is represented by attorney Donald Rossi. Mr. Rossi was a partner of Stephens, Rossi and Hogan, the firm that formerly represented the Town of Southeast. Stephens and Charbonneau is the firm now representing Southeast.

2. TURK HILL ROAD EAST SUBDIVISION: Turk Hill Road.
This 7 lot development surrounds the 'Castle' and has extensive wetlands. The Board declared themselves Lead Agency by a vote of 5-0 (with 1 abstention). A public hearing has been set for April 12th.

3. VITA SUBDIVISION: Brewster Hill Road: 3 Lots. The Board declared themselves lead agency by a vote of 5-0 with one abstention. The public hearing date was set for April 12th.
There are access problems with this site.

4. J.P. INTERNATIONAL, Old Milltown Road. Review/Sketch Plan. The concerns here were: a detention pond is to be placed in the wetlands and storm water run-off. There are also some ridgelines.
John Petrillo owns this proposed 3 lot subdivision. Harry Nichols is the engineer.

5. Omnipoint Communications, Hillside Park. A Performance Bond was set for $28,200. Passed 6-0. There was an unresolved discussion on

whether or not anyone would know if a cell tower was ever abandoned.

Meeting Closed.

ARB/PLANNING BOARD MEETING:
An hour long discussion between the Planning Board and the Architectural Review Board ensued. There was concern that the Boards were not on the same page as some applicants have been less than truthful and up until now there has been little in the way of checks and balances.

The Boards decided to have an applicant's check list made up. The ARB will have a stamp so that the Planning Board can ascertain that the applicant had been through the process. The Planning Board secretary, Laurie Friccione, volunteered to sit in on ARB meetings as a liaison.

COMMENT:

The ARB has had a rough start. When CRSE originally FOILed for the ARB minutes it turned out that none had been taken. Since then some recommendations made by the ARB have not been followed by the applicants. Both Boards were in the dark regarding decisions made. If an applicant was less than truthful their were no safeguards built into the system. Some of this will be taken care of with the institution of an ARB stamp, a flow chart and possible liaison between both Boards.

CRSE would suggest that the buck stop with the two Chairmen, Mr. Giglio and Mr. Rohrman. Both chairs are well versed with the projects before them. Both chairmen know procedure. One meeting a month between the two would be a simple and effective safeguard, protecting the neighborhoods and residents of Southeast.

Sometimes minutes don't get read, liaisons are sick or on vacation CRSE believes that a meeting between the chairs would be most effective.

As always feel free to e-mail me with any questions or comments you might have.

With best Regards,
Lynne Eckardt