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Hi All,

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Well, alert the Guinness's... a brief recap. After all the Planning Board had only two items on the agenda and class was out in less than a half hour.

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In the cheap seats were the usual cast of CRSE suspects and Joe Schaub. Mr. Schaub's been instrumental in mounting a battle plan on the always charming Mr. Camarda's 'Stateline' project. Standing in for Mr. C was Tim Miller (of Tim Miller Associates) and Matt Bondi, who we all know is on Charming's staff. More on Stateline below.

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Here goes the usual disclaimer. As always the opinions expressed are my own been-around-the-block take on life in Southeast. They reflect no Board of which I am a member.

AGENDA:

1. Augusta Subdivision, Prospect Hill Road- Preliminary subdivision review, Intent to declare Lead Agency:

According to Chairman Rohrman the Town Engineer had indicted the drawings were incomplete. Thus the project is not able to begin the SEQR process.

Engineer for the project, Jack Carell, said that he also needed to go before the Conservation Commission. Mr. Rohrman stated that this would not happen until the SEQR process begins.

2.Stateline Retail Center: Route 6- Set Scoping date (7/10/06):

Chairman Rorhman explained that suggestion on the scoping document had been received from Tim Miller and would be available to the public tomorrow (6/27/08) at the Planning Board. The scoping meeting was set for the 10th of July to be held at the Civic Center. Some Board members thought that the Civic Center would be too small. Mr. Rohrman explained that if too many people showed up they would have to continue the session at Lakeview Manor.

The adoption of the public scoping document will be around August 14th. There will be no newspaper notice but notice will be on the Town website.

COMMENTS:

Augusta Subdivision:

Not much to say on Augusta although I always find it entertaining when other Town Engineers blow into Southeast. Jack Carell is Carmel's Town Engineer. Kinda makes you wonder why the drawings turned in weren't complete, doesn't it? Are standards that different in neighboring towns?

Stateline:

What was most interesting here was the Planning Board's attitude. They get excellent marks as far as civility-on both the project discussion and to the public. I'm not complaining (well, yeah, I guess actually I am) but it seemed to me that the public was really, really, really encouraged to pick up Mr. Miller's opus at the Planning Board ASAP. And, don't get me wrong, encouraging public participation to the 5 hardy souls attending was commendable. Still I couldn't help but wonder- if the applicant had been Mr. Lepler would so much encouragement have been job one?

That said, I have certainly seen positive changes on this board, particularly over the last year. And, I admit, after sitting through four years of these meetings I'm a little jaded. But now my 'relationship' with the Board reminds me of that roommate you hated on sight. You know, the one who played nothing but Janis Joplin, wore musk, had that kitten poster that said 'Hang in There!', oh, she was also thinner and prettier than you. And then suddenly one day you just didn't hate her at all anymore. Sure, she could still be annoying, but most of the time you got along and simply went your separate ways.

I was also amused to hear that the adoption of the Public Scoping Document would be on the Town's website (scheduled for August 14th) since neither the Town Board minutes nor the Planning Board minutes have been updated since April 20th. In a little trick we learned, CRSE usually FOILs for the unpublished minutes (to put on our website) and then they miraculously appear on the town's 'Official' website. Honestly, it would be a whole lot more efficient if the TB allowed Ms. Fricchione to post them as draft after she's written them up. I believe that her minutes are always done in a timely fashion so it's a shame to let them languish.

Finally, it does remain to be seen how many residents or other interested parties will show up at the Scoping Session but holding the meeting at the Civic Center seems a little dicey. That said, I don't suppose a continuance held at Lakeview Manor would break anyone's heart... save Mr. Camarda's...

(sniff). But really, I'd guess even his cadre of engineers, attorneys, spokemodels and staff wouldn't mind a bit. You know, billable hours and all that.

Anyhow, a friend just dropped off the Mr. Miller's opus so I guess I'll curl up for a little light reading.

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

With Best Regards,
Lynne Eckardt

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