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From: "Lynne Eckardt" <midfarm@bestweb.net>
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Hi All,

Below please find my abbreviated recap of the last Southeast Town Board Work Session. I have removed the 'Comment Section' due to a possible conflict of interest. You can find my recap in it's entirety by joining the local Blog- Brewster10509 or by joining PlanPutnam. The fun part of Brewster10509 is you can post your own comments and critique as well. Also on the bright side wait until you check out how short this is. Yahoo!

In any case, if you'd like to e-mail me directly I'd be happy to send it to you.

Hope your weekend's been relaxing-

With Best Regards,
Lynne

Hi All,

Thursday night's Town Board Work Session was far from a barn burner- in fact it was over in less than an hour.

The Highlight for me was Westchester Tractor. They will have 10,000 square feet of 'covered storage' (a roof with no sides)- who knew?

On another topic altogether... Why haven't we seen hide nor hair of the missing 'Historic Sites' which was promised to be put on a Work Session months ago? Hmmmm, maybe we should have photos of Drewscliff or the Diehl House placed on the sides of milk cartons... **"Have You seen this Historic Site?"**

As always the comments are mine alone and reflect no one else's jaded take on life in Southeast.

WORK SESSION:

1. Westchester Tractor: Rick O'Rourke (attorney for the project) explained to the Board that the ZBA had determined by a 6-1 vote that Westchester Tractor was not a retail operation.

That the Town Board had already granted a Special Permit to allow 80% warehouse to 20% office. Mr. O'Rourke said he wasn't sure whether or not the Public Hearing before the TB had been properly noticed.

The Board asked if there would be repair work done as the 'as the last thing you want up there is repair work done.' Councilwoman Mitts asked if there was 'service capacity'. Westchester Tractor owner John Apple said less than 6% and that 'service' was only assembly. Willis Stephens asked if they did inspections, 'Only new trailers' was the reply.

When asked if there would be outdoor storage the Board was told that there is 10,000 square feet of 'covered' storage. In other words a roof with no sides. Mr. Apple was not sure whether or not they'd ever have additional outdoor storage. This will be on the June 16th meeting.

2. Establishment of a Performance Bond- Palazetti Office/Warehouse: Fields Lane
The Bond will be set at the June 16th meeting.

3. Employee Assistance Program:

There are 46 full time Southeast employees. This is all that I could hear. Sorry.

4. Tonetta Lake Advisory Committee- Funds

Another \$5000 is needed for the carp and the fish fence. The grant applied for (with the county) was cut from \$15,000 to \$5,000

5. Establishment of a Performance Bond: Islandia Farm:

The new bond amount will be set at \$518,200 at the June 16th meeting.

6. Crossroads School Bond:

Crossroads asked that the Public Hearing fee be waved as the bond is only \$450.00. This was to change a parking space. The Board will ask that the advertising fee be paid.

  

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