

HONEOYE FALLS VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD

March 31, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Szlosek, Joe Cooley, Betsey Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Danny Bassett, Robert Fitzgerald, Ryan Stoner, Paul Chatfield, Village Engineer, Mike Tobin; Village Attorney; Greg Emerson; Village Administrator, Charlie Johnson, CEO.

Chairwoman Szlosek called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

FINAL SUBDIVISION APPROVAL: Norton Station

Rob Fitzgerald, applicant's agent, reviewed Village Engineer's letter dated 3/25/14 including 5 review comments.

Item #1: Has been provided to Village Engineer

Item #2: All agreed that Village will not take ownership of the trail

Item #3: added note of 5' trail width to drawing

Item #4: Ryan responded to the timing of trail completion. Ryan is concerned about owning a public trail on private land which leaves him open to liability issues. Trail as currently designed does not go anywhere. At some future point there will be connectivity. The Mendon Foundation is currently not interested in taking the trail in its current state. Ryan proposed the note to read: "by the completion of Phase 2 or when a trail connection to Main Street is available". This makes the trail go somewhere and more likely to be adopted by the Mendon Foundation. Greg discussed the proposed trail on Bob Ross's property and the 2009 Trail Study. Discussion ensued. Greg mentioned the Norton Mills Trail and Monroe Street sidewalks approx. 50' away from proposed trail head. Ryan mentioned that the trail intersects Monroe St. at a dangerous point at one end and a water filled gully at the other end. Mary mentioned that other trails in the Village intersect with streets. Ryan mentioned that these are Village owned trails and any liability of trail/street intersection is the Village's.

Mary stated that completion of phase 2 is too far in the future. She proposed the note to read: "at the completion of Phase 1 or the connection of the trails". Ryan responded that the Village cannot mandate that public access be provided for on private land as a condition of approval. That's like condemning property. Mike reminded Ryan of the public trail on private property at Norton Mills. Ryan responded that he does not want to make the same mistake here. Betsy asked about the Village extending the Monroe Street sidewalk. Ryan brought out the GM site plan for review by Board to show that there is no easement or land reservation for a trail. Greg reminded the Board that the GM site plan was approved with GM and any trail plans were discussed with Bob Ross. Greg reminded Ryan about the trail that was required at the proposed apartments on Pine Trail. Ryan stated that he is in favor of a trail but it is the liability of the public trail on private property that is the only issue.

Greg proposed the Village add a sidewalk along Monroe St. Betsy suggested that a barrier be installed at the end of the trail to prevent people from exiting directly into the street. More discussion ensued about timing of trail construction.

In conclusion, all agreed that the sidewalk extension on Monroe Street, from the end of the current sidewalk to the terminus of the proposed trail, would satisfy the connectivity and safety issues discussed. All agreed that once this sidewalk was completed the trail would then be constructed.

Item #5 corrected rim elevation

Greg asked about an easement shown for a manhole. Rob explained that the easement is for future connection to Phase 2 and maintenance to the manhole.

Chairwoman Szlosek opened the meeting to Public Comment at 7:55 p.m. There was no public comment. Public comment was closed.

A MOTION was made by Joe Cooley to grant final subdivision approval based on the drawings dated 3/14/14 and subject to the easements, as discussed, being written and approved by the Village; the engineer's comments being satisfied; the mylar copy being submitted and all of the required agency signatures. Seconded by Betsy Taylor. **Vote was unanimous. So Carried.**

A MOTION was made to adjourn the Honeoye Falls Village Planning Board meeting by Betsy Taylor and Seconded by Joe Cooley. **The Vote was unanimous.** The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Shaughnessy, Planning Board Clerk