

At 6:00 p.m., Supervisor Carges called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. This is the second public hearing scheduled in regard to the re-zoning application of Stonehaven Commercial for a portion of vacant land on Fourth Section Road currently owned by Brockport Free Methodist Church from Single Family Residence to Multiple Residence to construct a residential townhome community – Townhomes @ Stonebriar Glen. The original public hearing regarding the rezoning was held on February 28, 2017, and due to the relocation of the entrance upon the recommendation of the New York State Department of Transportation and the area of the re-zoning being increased from 24+/- to 31+/- acres, a second public hearing was warranted for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the re-zoning of this property.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Robert Carges, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Mary Rich and Councilperson Lori Skoog. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham and Deputy Town Clerk Kathleen Roberts.

Visitors present were Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin, Bill Johnson, Patty Hayles, Kevin Johnson, Charles Sanford, Frank Finney, Ena Farley, Jonathan Farley, Kristina Gabalski from Suburban News, Rick Kartes from Stonehaven Commercial and Robert Cantwell from BME Associates.

Supervisor Carges explained that the reason for the second public hearing was primarily due to the change of entrance of the project and stated that since the initial public hearing back in February, the Town of Sweden has been declared Lead Agency on the project. He then introduced Robert Cantwell from BME Associates, who was there on behalf of Rick and Jackie Kartes.

Mr. Cantwell stated that the traffic impact study has been done and reviewed by New York State Department of Transportation. Besides the recommendation that the entrance be relocated further west across from Hartshorn Drive, it was formally concluded that the remaining results are satisfactory. The clubhouse and outdoor pool were also relocated as a result of the entrance change.

Mr. Cantwell indicated that there are approximately 31 acres to be re-zoned. There has been a wetland study and parts 2 & 3 of the Environmental Impact Form are completed.

Resident Frank Finney expressed his concern on the amount of additional traffic that this project would cause, especially at peak hours.

Supervisor Carges mentioned that possibly in the future, an access road could be added on the east side by Aldi.

Resident Charles Sanford had safety concerns due to the amount of traffic, indicating how dangerous the road is already and how many accidents have taken place.

Resident Ena Farley feels that the project would decrease her property value.

Jonathan Farley felt that the traffic impact study was not done objectively. He also expressed concern about there being arsenic on the property and the environmental impact from the development.

Rick Kartes responded that removal of any arsenic would be done through the Health Department. Mr. Kartes also reiterated that the development would progress over a three year period driven by market.

Councilperson Skoog felt that the problems and accidents on Fourth Section Road have been going on for years and that the number of vehicles from this development would not worsen those issues.

Councilperson Muesebeck expressed that other benefits from this project are that the property will be put on the tax roll and also revenue from sales tax in the community.

No other comments.

Supervisor Carges closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Roberts
Deputy Town Clerk