

**TOWN OF SWEDEN  
Planning Board Minutes  
January 22, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sweden Planning Board was held on Monday, January 22, 2007, at the Town Offices, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Ellen Bahr, Richard Dollard, David Hale, William Hertweck, Craig McAllister, Matthew Minor, Arnold Monno

Also present: James Oberst, MRB, James Butler, Building Inspector, Whitney Autin, ECB, David Matt, Alex Delahanty, Corey Forbes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman McAllister.

Correspondence passed to members for review.

Moved by Mr. Hertweck, seconded by Mrs. Bahr, that the minutes of January 8, 2006 be approved as amended.

*Mr. Hale stated that the minutes should note that the Planning Board has one vacancy.*

Ayes – 5  
Abstain – Mr. Dollard  
Abstain – Mr. Minor

Chairman McAllister welcomed and introduced Richard Dollard as the Planning Board's newest member.

**Romano Subdivision & Site 6655 E. Canal Road. 069.04-1-9.1**

Mr. David Matt addressed the Board. He explained that Mr. Gino Romano is requesting subdivision approval for three parcels he previously purchased and combined into one per an unrecorded map. Mr. Romano plans to build a three bedroom, single family home, along the eastern edge of the approximate 43-acre parcel. The site has been filled with the dirt from the Wal-Mart SC project. The 20 ft. wide gravel driveway is mostly completed. There will be a walkout basement with the house on the edge of the existing hill. The site will be serviced by public electric, and in two to three years, he plans to extend the water main approximately 400 ft. At that time, the Health Department may have a problem with public water service due to the close proximity of the landfill. A full raised septic system will be required.

The soil stockpiles are all gone and added to the hill where the house will be. There is a gravity foundation drain that will go out to the roadside swale. The roadside culvert is already in place. The driveway is 250 ft. off the road, and the house is 110 ft. from the eastern line. Mr. Romano may try to acquire some additional land to the east to provide a bigger buffer.

Mr. Hale confirmed that the three parcels have never received subdivision approval. Mr. Matt agreed. The parcels have only been combined through an unrecorded map. The parcels all have liber and page numbers.

Mr. Dollard asked how many feet the lot was raised. Mr. Matt stated 8 ft. at the roadside, and 15 ft. to 20 ft. at the house pad. Also, what kind of drainage is on the sides? There is a swale that runs across the outside edge.

Chairman McAllister asked how many fill permits did Mr. Romano get? Mr. Butler stated there were two fill permits obtained.

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Mr. Monno asked if the basement would be on original ground or new ground. Mr. Matt stated on new ground, approximately two feet. Also, can the drainage be put through the original grade instead of the new fill? Mr. Matt stated assuming the original grade is at 515, then an 8 ft. drop over 250 ft. will be required to accomplish that.

Mrs. Bahr questioned why were the trees' trunks buried about 4 ft. with the fill; the trees will die. Mr. Matt stated the applicant has been advised of that. He will try to save them or replace them if they die.

Chairman McAllister asked what was printed on Lot 4 shown on the plan? Mr. Matt agreed it was hard to read and will make the print larger.

Moved by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Hertweck, that the Romano Subdivision & Site Plan be accepted for review.

Ayes – 7

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**Fisher Subdivision & Site Plan. Beadle & Sweden-Ogden TL Roads.**

Moved by Mr. Monno, seconded by Mr. Minor, that the Chairman be authorized to update his signature on the mylar for the Fisher Subdivision.

Ayes – 7

**Rte. 531 Extension**

Chairman McAllister asked if anyone attended the public information meeting held on January 10 at the Hill School? Mr. Hertweck, Mr. Monno and Mr. Autin attended.

Mr. Hertweck summarized the meeting by stating that there were three proposals presented. One, do nothing. Two, extend the 531 and widen (4 lanes) Rte. 31 to Owens Rd. Three, extend 531 to Redman Road, cross over to Rte. 31 through Robb's farm, back around over Rte.31 up by the gully near Grentzinger's land, and continue south of Shumway to Redman Road. Mr. Autin added the super highway would come off and go to the north side of North Hampton Park and swing across and come out the south side of Shumway Rd. The plan is to split the ridge through the wetlands to the edge of the Town line.

Mr. Hale stated the good news was that the plan to go across the canal through Clarkson was dismissed. Mr. Autin stated that even if a super highway were built, it still wouldn't alleviate the traffic on Rte. 31. Discussion was held regarding Rte. 19 and Rte. 31 being a regional hub and that the people coming from other counties are the ones complaining about the traffic congestion at peak times, not the approximate 12,000 Town residents. The Rte. 31 problem will not be solved with a Rte. 531 overhaul alone. It has to include improvements to Rte. 31.

Mr. Autin asked does this community really need a super highway? Chairman McAllister stated no, but Rte. 31 does need a bypass. Discussion took place on other ways to improve the Rte. 31 corridor.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 7:40 p.m.

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**Planning Board Secretary**