

**Town of Camillus
Planning Board Minutes
January 11th, 2016 - 7:00 pm**

PRESENT:

John Fatcheric, Chairperson
Chris Cesta
Don Klaben
Tracy Lauer
Jason Mallore
Martin Voss

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Curtin, Jr., P.E. Esq.
Paul Czerwinski, P.E,

Guests and Members of the Public

8 others

Chairperson Fatcheric called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

**3452 West Genesee Street / Vision Development
Amended Site Plan**

TM # 047.-06-08.1

The applicant requested to postpone their appearance to the next meeting.

**4010 Milton Avenue / National Grid
Site Plan Review for Special Use Permit
(upgrade existing substation)**

TM # 020.-04-15.0

Mr. Andrew Leja, of Barclay & Damon, counsel for National Grid and Ms. Diane McClane, Project Manager, presented the application. The purpose of the application is to modify the existing substation by adding a transformer to increase the substation's capacity. The modifications also include metal clad switchgear and the necessary ancillary electrical equipment, such as switches, cables and trenches. The modifications will improve electric infrastructure reliability in the Camillus and surrounding areas. The expansion includes modifications to the pavement and landscaping for the substation. The total disturbed area is approximately 9800 square feet. There will be mesh-type fencing of approximately 340' to the south and west to bar vehicular interest.

Mr. Leja stated they plan to begin the work as soon as all permits are issued and the work would be done between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm.

Mr. Klaben asked if there would be additional noise from the transformer. Mr. Leja stated there will be noise (hum) from the additional transformer. Ms. McClane stated there will be additional noise, but isn't sure about the decibel level. She doesn't believe it will impact any of the surrounding residences but stated he would get a decibel reading to confirm that. Additionally, Ms. McClane stated she's not aware of any noise complaints from the existing neighbors, but would check into it.

Mr. Cesta asked if the Electro Magnetic Frequency waves would be harmful. Mr. Leja explained that as the waves are released from the transformers they dissipate as they

are exposed to the environment. Mr. Cesta also asked if the driveway will have a gravel driveway. Mr. Leja stated it is currently and will remain so. Mr. Cesta asked if there was any additional buffering planned. Mr. Leja stated there is not, and also in that vein, some existing vegetation will be removed due to the work being performed.

Chairman Fatcheric noted the landscaping screenings are no longer a viable option in many cases for utilities. Mr. Leja stated that's true, mainly due to security reasons. It's a fine line between satisfying curiosity and ensuring the security of the substation.

Mr. Voss asked if the presenters knew the boundaries of the service are. Mr. Leja and Ms. McClane stated they didn't have the information available, but could find out.

Mr. Czerwinski noted the SWPPP appears to be in order. He believes there is a slight increase in water flow toward the east due to the pavement being added. Mr. Czerwinski remarked there may be an error on the SEQR form with respect to the disturbed area for the project. Mr. Leja stated he would verify his sources.

Mr. Curtin stated he scaled the amount of feet there is from the project to the closest neighbor and believes it to be approximately 120'. He asked the applicant to be especially mindful of the changes as they pertain to the existing neighborhood. He stated the following items should be presented in more detail before the Planning Board is able to give their recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- 1) Exact location of the trees to be removed.
- 2) Anticipated decibel levels of the additional transformer at the property line of the nearest residence
- 3) Nominal buffering, especially with respect to the closest neighbors
- 4) Expectancy of the expansion, with an eye toward any future expansions

As there appeared to be a few details needing clarification, the Board asked the applicant to provide the additional details at the next meeting, January 25th. It's the Board's expectation that with those additional details, they should be able to provide a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Old Business

None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were not yet available.

Discussion

None

Correspondence

None

Comments of Town Officials

None

Comments of the Attorney

Mr. Curtin welcomed new member Mr. Mallore to the Board.

Comments of the Engineer

None

Comments of the Board Members

Chairman Fatcheric and the Board Members welcomed Mr. Mallore to the Board.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Voss moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Ms. Lauer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Shoff
Planning Board Clerk