

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Owego Planning Board was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at the Owego Town Hall, 2354 State Route 434, Apalachin, New York.

Present: Acting Chairman Esquivel, David Marsh, Jim Tofte, Craig Wademan, Lisa Baileys and Cheri Grenier

Excused: Chairman Robert Rieg

Acting Chairman Esquivel called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The minutes from the March 28, 2023 meeting were considered. Ms. Baileys made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Grenier seconded the motion and was carried with five yes votes and one abstention (Mr. Wademan recused himself).

Appeal No. 2131

Acting Chairman Esquivel introduced Appeal Number 2131, a Special Use Permit to construct a construction yard at 4700 State Route 434. The applicant's representative, Jason O'Brien, was present.

Mr. O'Brien explained that Bothar Construction does a lot of work in the area, with most of it being for the DOT, but some town and county work as well. The company mills up the road and reuses those millings to mix in at their blacktop plant out in Elmira, NY. They would like to expand the business more into this area, as they are based in Binghamton, NY and this is a nice midpoint between the two current sites. The millings will be the primary product temporarily stored on site. During the winter months they may keep a piece of equipment with a plow on it, some staff may park there during the construction season and they could store topsoil on occasion, with a barrier down underneath it. There will be no fuel storage at this site. There is some night work scheduled but most of the work will be between seven a.m. and five p.m.

Mr. Tofte stated that this would be a perfect site for this with the other businesses in the area, with the exception of Bud's Place. He would like to see some more screening for the local restaurant. Mr. O'Brien stated that they will do that.

Mr. Tofte asked if they will have any sort of sign. Mr. O'Brien stated they will have a small sign.

Mr. Tofte questioned if the construction company would reroute traffic to avoid any backup. Mr. O'Brien replied that there will be minimal congestion at most, mainly on the site and not entering. Mr. Tofte asked if they could make a circle drive to alleviate that congestion. Mr. O'Brien replied that they will try to come up with a plan to circle on site.

Mr. Wademan asked if any conex storage containers would be brought on site. Mr. O'Brien stated there would not be, they will be storing just traffic control items that are on the trucks.

Mr. Tofte asked if a permit would be needed if they brought a conex box on the site. Joann Lindstrom stated that she was unsure with the general business zoning. Mr. Tofte asked if there will be any bulk fuels at the site. Mr. O'Brien confirmed that they will not.

Mr. Wademan stated his concerns with the sight line and the speed of trucks pulling out of the site. Mr. Tofte stated that they have a permitted drive right now. Mr. O'Brien stated that visibility is pretty good.

Mr. Tofte asked if there was a plan being submitted for plantings. Mr. O'Brien stated that he does not have one, but is open to discussion.

Mr. Tofte asked if there are any temporary toilets. Mr. O'Brien stated there are none at this time, but most likely during construction projects there will be one on site.

Mr. Tofte asked if there's a source of water. Mr. O'Brien stated that there is not, but they will have a water truck there to mitigate the dust.

Mr. Tofte made a motion to recommend approval of Appeal No. 2131 with the condition that vegetation be along the side to be in harmony with its neighbor, Bud's Place. Ms. Baileys seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Burrell, Secretary
Town of Owego Planning Board