

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held relative to a Special Permit application submitted by Sam Arcangeli to develop in the floodplain, held October 19, 2021, at 7:21 p.m.

PRESENT:

Members present: L. Miller
D. Kudgus
S. Forster
M. Jaros
K. Rose
C. Curtin, Alternate

Others present: Marina Lane
Sam Arcangeli
Ray Standish
Kelly Sullivan
Pete Dolgos

MS. MILLER: We will open the Public Hearing, and I will read the public notice.

The Town of Union Planning Board will conduct a public hearing relative to an application by Sam Arcangeli for a floodplain development special permit to restore the borders of an existing pond to correct stormwater flow via existing culverts and swales in order to protect cornfields from flooding. The project area is zoned Rural Residential and development in a floodplain requires a Special Permit.

The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Town Board Meeting Room on the second floor of the Town of Union Office Building located at 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York. The application is available for review in the Town of Union Planning Department (at the address listed above) during normal business hours (8 AM to 4PM).

Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Planning Department at (607) 786-2926 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. Margaret J. Scarinzi, Secretary.

MS. MILLER: So, Mr. Arcangeli, would you like to say anything?

MR. ARCANGELI: Anything you would like to know. It is an existing pond. Due to the recent heavy rains and floods, all water flows from north to south down to the bottom of my hill. That pond had been established many, many years ago, and has not been maintained or worked with.

It needs to be refortified around the east side of the pond, allowing the ditches to flow in the appropriate way the way that they were designed. Those were designed to run water to the south. Currently it overflows and goes into my fields; it goes on my lawn, and it basically encircles the house. Therefore, we are trying to repair things that muskrats and etc. .

MS. LANE: And his corn doesn't do real well in it.

MR. ARCANGELI: The project would be using the existing soil and I am going to approach several vendors to assist with that. In addition, I think that because of that situation, extending the three months to a year because of the approaching winter and how that may affect people coming in and doing the work. And hopefully it will mend itself, and I won't have lakefront property around the house, but the pond will still be there.

MR. JAROS: So it's like an island right now?

MR. ARCANGELI: Yes it is. It truly is. The house is a bit higher; it had been filled in one hundred years ago, but the lawn itself fills up dramatically and does not go into the culvert. Therefore, I hope this will mend it and remove the stormwater and be a better situation for everyone.

MR. KUDGUS: Now, the water that is being diverted away from your property, where is it going to end up?

MR. ARCANGELI: Everything goes south, the same way it always did. It goes back towards the hill and follows a ditch along the bottom of the hill.

MR. KUDGUS: So nobody else is going to be affected by the water that is being diverted?

MR. ARCANGELI: No, I hope not. That's the plan. I contacted the neighbors to the south and they are all in agreement and agree that ditch should be maintained.

MS. LANE: So there is a swale system. Some of you might recall, Lisa anyway, that a few years ago Sam came before us to correct some of the swale system. Bob Bennett designed the system for you. There is a developed swale system that goes down between the mountain and the road. What used to just flow from the mountain into the creek, because of Route 26 being raised higher than the surrounding land, it then developed a swale system. There are actual developed

swales that direct pathways across under the highway into the creek.

MR. ARCANGELI: That should be a discussion too, that it should be maintained better also. So beyond my property, where does it go? Does it go back towards the hill and that little holding pond there and I don't think it functions as well as it could. In addition, I will contact the Commissioner of Public Works and see if we can work out something to get that flowing appropriately.

MS. MILLER: So are there any other comments or questions? Then we will close the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing concluded: 7:28 p.m.

I, CAROL M. KRAWCZYK, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board is a true, accurate, and complete transcript of my stenographic notes/tape taken at the above time and place.

CAROL M. KRAWCZYK