

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held relative to Special Use Permit for Development in the Floodplain at 340 Scarborough Drive on April 12, 2022, at 7:47 p.m.

PRESENT: Members present: L. Miller  
S. McLain  
T. Crowley  
K. Rose  
C. Curtin, Alternate

Others present: Marina Lane  
Rick Materese  
Anthony Lorefice  
Jon Stone  
Scott Winner  
Peter Stanko  
Barbara Stanko  
Matt Leach  
Nick Schupp  
Kasey Krause  
Alan Moyle  
Mark Gaskill  
Dan Loiselle  
Mike Dwyer  
Sue Dwyer  
Ti-Shawn Williams  
Arianna King  
Francesco Carpentieri

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 development in the 100-year floodplain at 340 Scarborough Drive (Tax Map # 157.08-7-19). The Town proposes upgrading the existing flood control pump station. The new backup generator and station controls shall be elevated above base flood elevation. All development in the 100-year floodplain requires a special permit.

The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM or thereafter 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 during normal business hours.

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.  
Lisa B. Miller, Chairperson

MS. MILLER: Does anybody have any questions or comments?

MR. DWYER: I am Mike Dwyer and the pump abuts my property.

MS. MILLER: And your property address is?

MR. DWYER: My address is 2729 Williams Street, just above the plant. And we have an easement through the side of our yard with a storm drain that goes right down to the pump. I was wondering if that is going to be affected. Is the building itself going to be reused? Is the pump going inside, or outside? Is it going to block our view from the back of our house?

MS. LANE: So the pump is within the building. It is going to be determined if a replacement or an upgrade is appropriate. The reason we are here tonight is specifically because the backup generator has to be located outside the building. We do not have engineering plans for it yet, but what you should probably do is speak to Lou Caforio, our Commissioner of Public Works.

MRS. DWYER: The external generator, there isn't one there right now. So you are going to be adding one, right?

MS. LANE: It's a backup external gas-fueled generator. It will have to cycle once a week for an hour to keep it primed. Then it will only be on normally for any additional length of time if the electricity goes out.

MRS. DWYER: Which it has been lately, unfortunately.

MS. LANE: So Lou Caforio can answer your questions.

MRS. DWYER: Do you have a number for him?

MS. LANE: Yes. It is 607-786-2950. That will get you to his secretary.

MR. DWYER: One other question. The property right around that pump house is quite a mess. There is concrete, stone and garbage, pipes dumped behind it. There is a small tree stand there and it just looks horrible. Is that part of the pump house property?

MS. LANE: I am sure that Rick will check on that.

MR. MATERESE: I can't answer that question, but I will check on it.

MR. DWYER: I appreciate that.

MS. LANE: There have been changes in ownership down there.

MR. DWYER: Yes, we noticed them digging in that lot back there. It looks like they're building it up by the floodplain, I don't know.

MS. LANE: Digging in it?

MR. DWYER: Dropping off dirt.

MS. LANE: They have been told where they can store it because they couldn't put it in the floodplain without a special permit from the Planning Board.

MR. DWYER: They put it under a plastic sheet to hide it, I guess.

MS. LANE: I am not sure, but you know what, I have a card here, on those kinds of discussions which are not really relevant to this project, you can definitely call me.

MRS. DWYER: We see everything because we are at the corner lot so we see the whole field and the pump station, and going down Scarborough Drive.

MS. LANE: So, just give me a call, okay?

MR. DWYER: Thank-you.

MS. LANE: You are welcome.

MR. MOYLE: So, did you say it will be gas-powered?

MS. LANE: Natural gas, as far as I've been told.

MR. MOYLE: Most of them that I am aware of are natural gas and they are relatively quiet.

MR. MATERESE: The idea is that we don't want to have another situation where our pumps and all the controls are under water like in the 2011 flood.

MR. MOYLE: I understand.

MR. MATERESE: So this will build up so the pump can keep running. The controls are

out of there, and the generator will work. It has to be natural gas because if it is gasoline, we are not even going to be able to get to it. So it is natural gas.

MS. MILLER: Thank you. So would someone like to move that we approve the Special Permit for development in the floodplain?

MS. LANE: I will just read the stipulations of approval. The backup generator shall be cycled no more than once per week and for no longer than one hour, unless circumstances require differently. Special permit modification approval may be required if there are any changes to the site plan or change of use of the property.

Public Hearing concluded: 7:54 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.

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CAROL M. KRAWCZYK