

September 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Planning Board was called to order at the Wheatfield Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Walt Garrow. Present: Richard Muscatello, Melissa Germann, Michael Polek and Walt Garrow. Absent: Don Proefrock. Also Present: Town Engineer Wendel, Members of the public.

Summary of Agenda

Moved by R. Muscatello, Seconded by M. Germann to approve the minutes of September 7, 2016. Voting Results: Yeas: Muscatello, Germann, Garrow, Polek. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Site Plat Review for Empire Pipeline – Wheatfield Dehydration Facility, 2251 Liberty Drive, Wheatfield, NY 14120. All previous outstanding conditions have been completed by the applicant. The applicant has agreed to the conditions discussed with the planning board on August 29th, 2016. A list of those conditions is an attachment to the review results for this meeting. Supplemental information was provided on the thermal oxidizer to address outstanding Planning Board issues, and that document is also an attachment to the review results. The Planning Board still had questions about the stack testing and emergency contact information. National Fuel agreed to provide an informational P.O.C. specifically for the Niagara Wheatfield dehydration station, to the Town, and the Town can appoint anyone they wish to request information. Additionally, National fuel stated that they will provide the test results from the stack testing to be conducted upon system start-up.

There was extensive discussion between members of the public and the applicant. Topics discussed were the thermal oxidizer, natural gas from fracking operations, and the percent moisture allowed in our gas vs. Canada and whether this gas was going to be going to Canada.

Board Actions

Motion made by M. Germann and Seconded by R. Muscatello for the planning board to declare the project pre-empted from SEQRA because the project is regulated under FERC which pre-empts it from SEQRA and other state environmental review regulations, and considering that FERC is completing an extensive environmental review process under NEPA, the project will not have an adverse environmental impact or impact the public health and safety of its residents.

Voting Results: Yeas: Muscatello, Germann, Garrow, Polek. Nays: none. Absent: Proefrock. Motion carried.

Motion made by R. Muscatello and Seconded by M. Germann to approve the Site Plan contingent upon engineering review and noted conditions.

Voting Results: Yeas: Muscatello, Germann, Garrow, Polek. Nays: none. Absent: Proefrock. Motion carried.

Next meeting: October 5th, 2016

Motion made by R. Muscatello, Seconded by M. Germann to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Polek, Secretary