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PUBLIC HEARING-Mount Ledge PUDD

7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Kolligian recused herself.

Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, suggested a few minor changes to the language of the PUDD. In Section IX where it states submit plans for approval should read submit plans to planning board for approval. Section X and XI should be in reverse order. Section XI, subsection A., 1, should, should be changed to shall. Section XI, subsection C, 2, patron should be patrons and Appendix B, the List of Proposed Uses should be List of Authorized Possible Uses.

Supervisor Lant asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Councilman Bogardus made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:05 P.M. Supervisor Lant seconded the motion. All board members in favor except Councilwoman Kolligian who was recused.

PUBLIC HEARING-61 Jones Road

Continuation

Supervisor Lant asked if there were any questions. Mark Mykins, Code Enforcement Officer stated the owner of the property hasn't done anything to remove any of the contents of the building. They did remove two vehicles from the property. The owner may be in negotiations to sell the property, but Mr. Mykins said he has not received anything in writing for that. He said it the board may want to move forward with the bidding process, which won't happen right away. They may get something going in the next couple of weeks.

Supervisor Lant asked if there any questions. There were none.

Councilman Bogardus made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:07 P.M. Councilwoman Kolligian seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-February 3, 2022

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Deputy Supervisor McEachron who was excused.

John Lant-Supervisor
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman
Ray O’Conor-Councilman via Zoom

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Maria Moran, Comptroller. Town Counsel, Mark Schachner attended via Zoom.

Public Comment

There was none

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #82

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2022 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Wilton Food Pantry

Paula Schmid, the current President of the Board of Directors of the Wilton Food Pantry appeared before the board with Peter Maynard, Director of Operations for the Food Pantry.

Ms. Schmid said she was present to request an increase in the Town’s support for their organization from \$2,500 annually to \$7,500. This request is based upon multiple factors: increased demand for our services, increases in our expenses, and loss of their fundraising event for three years in a row due to the pandemic. The Wilton Food Pantry has existed for 10 years. For most of the last 8 years, we’ve operated on an annual budget of \$50,000 per year. Historically, the Town of Wilton’s \$2,500 contribution to the Wilton Food Pantry has represented 5% of their annual operating budget. This year’s budget is \$73,000. Their request for \$7,500 would increase to Town’s support to approximately 10% of their 2022 annual operating budget. The chart showing some data demonstrating the increase in demand for services over the last seven years. The chart on the top shows the number of visits per year from 2015 through 2021, along with the number of meals provided each year(indicating). The graph at the bottom is the same data shown in a graph format, where the blue bars is the number of meals served each year and the pink circles represent the number of patron visits each year. The demand for service has been growing steadily over

the years. We didn't see a dramatic jump during the last two years of the pandemic by just steady growth. From 2015 to 2021, the number of annual visits has tripled. We're serving a number of people. Another way you can look at the number of patrons we serve is by households. For the last three years we have served over three hundred unique households within Wilton each year. When those households make multiple visits over the course of the year, that's what adds up to 2,400 individual patron visits. We serve about one hundred families every month. The demand is holding strong. January of 2022 has been one of our biggest months. We served 136 households which included 298 individuals. If that trend continues there will be 3,600 visits this year. Inflation and heating costs are the main reasons for January being a big month. The second main factor was the increase in expenses. She said they pay rent to Trinity United Methodist Church for their space and rent is increasing 50% this year. The Wilton Food Pantry will be paying \$10,000 this year for their space. We have additional staffing costs. We had to hire an additional part time employee during the pandemic because of the new model of service we're using. Our patrons order food online, we have volunteers who pull the food and deliver to their cars. People are no longer coming inside and shopping for themselves. With the additional staffing, our salary budget is just of \$50,000. With two part-time employees we still need over two hundred volunteer hours of labor every month in order to deliver our services. We are moving a lot of food. Last year, we distributed almost 150,000 pounds of food. More than 10,000 pounds of food is coming into the pantry every month and out to the patrons. We are a small group of people working very hard to serve the people in our community who are in need of food.

Lastly, we have been doing this in a time period where we can't have a fundraiser. Some of you may have come to the empty bowls fundraiser, which was a chili lunch at the Elks club, along with a silent auction. They had to cancel that the last two years and they've decided we can't hold it this year either because it still seems unsafe to have an indoor dining event for one hundred or more people. Thankfully, the community stepped up in a really big way. Community donations were enough to keep us in business for the past two years and we were open throughout the pandemic. We were not closed one day because of the pandemic. We hope that the board will see that we are doing great work and that the board will feel that this increase in expense would be justified.

Councilwoman Kolligian asked if the pantry serves three hundred families every year. Ms. Schmid said three hundred unique families, in our area, are being served. Councilwoman Kolligian said that breaks down to the town donating \$25 to each family. She said she didn't see that as a burden, but it is a substantial increase. Councilman Bogardus said the pantry is requesting \$7,500 this year. Is that for just this year? Ms. Schmid said they would like to see that increase into the future. The pantry would be happy to report back if the numbers drop significantly but they don't anticipate that happening. Supervisor Lant asked if the pantry does a fundraiser through the mail. Ms. Schmid said they have a monthly email newsletter and in that there is a link to donate. We don't do a community mailing due to the expense involved. We do get free advertisement in the Wilton Report every month. Supervisor Lant asked if the pantry serves other towns. Mr. Maynard said they have recently reached out to northern Saratoga County because there are areas around us that do not have a good pantry. Ms. Schmid said 80% of the patrons are from the 12831 and 12866 zip codes. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if the pantry is looking to other communities to contribute. Ms. Schmid said most of the 12866 residents are in the Perry Road area. She said they will be applying for the Saratoga County Covid Support money. Councilman Bogardus said there is budget process where the board has open workshops. He encouraged the pantry representatives to attend during that time and let the board know what the progress has been and if the pantry needs more or less monies. Supervisor Lant asked if ARPA funds can be used for this. Ms. Moran said they can.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #83

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to increase the 2022 contribution to the Wilton Food Pantry to \$7,500.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Local Law #1 of 2022, Mountain Ledge PUDD

Councilwoman Kolligian recused herself and stepped away from the dais.

Doug Heller from the LA Group said they did add some area standards to the language since the last board appearance. The basis of the updates was to take the underlying CR-2 Zone requirements and putting them in the language with some modifications. There are three new uses that were added to the list of authorized possible uses. Places of Worship was added after comments from the Wilton Planning Board. We also added educations. It was unclear if SUNY Adirondack wanted to expand if that use would fall under any of the uses we already had. We added grocery stores. It falls under retail, but we wanted to include health food stores too. It went to the Saratoga County Planning Board, and they were favorable of the PUDD as well as the Wilton Planning Board.

Town Counsel Mark Schachner read the SEQRA Part II questions to the Board.

Part II questions are:

1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. "No"
2. Impact on Geological Features The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). "No"
3. Impacts on Surface Water The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). "No"
4. Impact on groundwater The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. "No"
5. Impact on Flooding The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. "No"
6. Impacts on Air The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. "No"
7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. "No"
8. Impact on Agricultural Resources The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. "No"
9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. "No"
10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. "No"
11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities, or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. "No"

- 12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area. *"No critical environmental areas within town."*
- 13. Impact on Transportation The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. *"No"*
- 14. Impact on Energy The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. *"No"*
- 15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. *"No"*
- 16. Impact on Human Health The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. *"No"*
- 17. Consistency with Community Plans The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. *"No"*
- 18. Consistency with Community Character The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. *"No"*

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #84

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilton Town Board does hereby move for a negative declaration on SEQRA for the Application for Mountain Ledge PUDD. Property located at 696 Route 9 on 15.46 acre(s), Tax Map No. 140.-1-68.131; zoned CR-2.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus and duly put to vote, with all board members in favor, except Councilwoman Kolligian who recused herself. The motion passed 3-0.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #85

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Local Law #1 of 2022, Mountain Ledge PUDD, 696 Route 9, Tax Map No. 140.-1-68.131, with amendments noted in the public hearing.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilwoman Kolligian who recused herself. The motion passed 3-0.

Councilwoman Kolligian returned to the dais.

Unsafe Building-61 Jones Road

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #86

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that approve the commencement of the demolition process for 61 Jones Road, Tax Map No. 153.11-1-2, located in the Town of Wilton.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus and duly put to vote, with all board members in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Intent to Accept Open Space

Supervisor Lant said Highway Superintendent Monroe has some issues with the Ingersoll Road subdivision. Mr. Riper said it was the curb cuts on Ingersoll Road. He said he spoke to Mr. Lansing regarding the concerns and Lansing Engineering is having a traffic study done for sight distances. The Wilton Planning Board will review it.

Councilman O'Connor said he used to live on Carlyle Terrace. He said he has walked the property extensively and has looked at the proposed plan. He said, in his opinion, it would be worthwhile for the town to accept the open space, assuming the sight distance issue is resolved to the Highway Superintendent's satisfaction.

Scott Lansing, representing Bourdeau Builders appeared before the board. He said the site is the Ingersoll Conservation Residential Subdivision on approximately seventy six acres. It is bisected by Ingersoll Road and near Route 50. The green area (indicating) is what is being proposed for potential dedication to the town. The map, along with the application was submitted to the Town Board. The map has been amended to show the stormwater management areas which will also be offered for dedication to the town. The overall acreage is about twenty-six acres. One of the benefits of the greenspace area is that it is along the Bog Meadow Brook. There have been other applications in the area. The parcels we are offering are in green with the Bog Meadow Brook in blue (indicating). There is a portion of land shown on the map in the Edie Road Subdivision. The town has approved the intent to take the open space for a potential trail. There are several existing county trails in the area. There is a network of trails around the area. We see them as potential links in a chain of an overall trail system. Mr. Lansing said he spoke to Mr. Riper and he had some great ideas as to how this could be linked to adjoining properties including the Messenger property. The applicant is willing to work with the town, town board and Mr. Riper to adjust the trail to wherever it would be best for the town. The subdivision meets all of the zoning requirements. We are not requesting any waivers or variances other than the potential 10% bonus density increase for the open space dedication. Mr. Lansing said there is a nice upland area where a potential trailhead area. It would be across from Stewart's on Route 50. Councilwoman Kolligian asked what the sight distance will be for the seven lots on Ingersoll Road. Mr. Lansing said they have a traffic engineer looking at that now. When they come back with their findings, we will work with Mr. Riper and the planning board to make

Cpiwhatever adjustments are necessary. Councilwoman Kolligian said she agreed with Councilman O'Conor on the intent to accept the open space.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Conor, the board adopted the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #87

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to declare the Wilton Town Board's intent to accept the open space dedication from the Ingersoll Road Conservation Residential Subdivision and offer a 10% density bonus to the applicant, contingent upon Town Counsel and Town staff review of all land dedication documents and final subdivision approval.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

DOT Response Letter for Speed Limit Reduction Requests

The Town Clerk noted the speed limit reduction request response for Ballard Road and Edie Road were received.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

This is in response to your request from May 18, 2021 for speed limit reductions on Ballard Road, between Route 9 and Interstate I-87 Interchange, and Edie Road, between Ballard Road and Route 50, in the Town of Wilton.

Currently, both requested sections of Ballard Road and Edie Road are governed by a 55 MPH speed limit. We reviewed Ballard Road for speed limit reduction in 1990, 1999, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2020 and was denied a speed limit reduction each time. We also reviewed Edie Road for speed limit reduction in 1999, 2017 and 2020 and similarly these requests were denied. As a result of the most recent requests, we conducted a review of Ballard Road and Edie Road. During our field investigation, we found no significant changes in the highway geometry or recent development within these corridors since our last investigation. Based on our review and experience, we maintain that a speed limit reduction for neither of the requested highway segments is warranted at this time.

Thank you for bringing your concerns about this location to our attention. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Reed Sholtes at this office at 518-457-5283. Sincerely, Mark Pyskadlo, PE, PTOE, Regional Traffic Engineer.

Town of Wilton CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Plan Amendment

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #88

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the updates to the Town of Wilton CDL Drug Alcohol and Testing Plan.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Speed Limit Reduction Request-Traver Road

Supervisor Lant said he was approached by several people asking for a speed limit reduction on Traver Road.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #89

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the referral to Saratoga County Public Works for a speed limit reduction request of 35 mph for Traver Road.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports

Supervisor Lant said he spoke to a project manager for Verizon regarding the number of phone call complaints for cellular service. There is a new tower going up on Northern Pines Road at the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority building. That will start in March and hopefully be completed by May 1. Verizon is collaborating with the Maple Avenue Fire Station to lease property for a new tower. Councilman Bogardus said there is some discussion on terms, but it is moving forward. He said there is also poor reception near Wilton Mall. Mr. Riper said he has noticed a decrease in signal strength. Part of it is the changeover to 5G if you have an older phone. Supervisor Lant said he spoke to the Saratoga County Administrator and discussed using ARPA funds to build cell towers. The poor reception is a county wide issue.

Supervisor Lant said the Covid-19 test kits were given out at a drive-thru last Saturday at Gavin Park. The town received another shipment, and we have few more. Councilwoman Kolligian thanked Greenfield Fire Department for the use of the bus. It supplied heat and hotdogs.

Supervisor Lant said Saratoga County has grant money available for non-profit organizations. The forms are on the Saratoga County website and the Town of Wilton website.

Comptroller’s Report

1.) 2021 Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #90

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 budget transfers 1-8 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 2/3/2022 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.) Personnel

a.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #91

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Brendan Tucker, effective January 12, 2022.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

b.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #92

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Michael Barber to the vacant position of full-time laborer a base rate of \$18.84 per hour with full benefits, effective January 1, 2022, contingent upon passing all screening requirements.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, seconded by Councilman Bogardus, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John Lant

Councilman, Duane Bogardus

Councilwoman, Erinn Kolligian

Councilman, Ray O’Conor