

Planning Board Meeting

Date: July 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: LaFayette Town Hall

Meeting called by: LaFayette Planning Board

Chair: Brad Bush, Chairman

Secretary: Sue Marzo

Attendees: **Planning Board members: Chairman Brad Bush, Heath Kotula, Mark Whitney, Barb Lasky**
Jeff Brown, Town Counsel; Ralph Lamson, Codes Officer; Paul Swimm, applicant

Agenda Items:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of June 18, 2024, Planning Board minutes
3. **Case #4-2024-PB Public Hearing**
Public Hearing for the application submitted by Paul Swimm for Site Plan Approval to construct a 48' x 88' pole barn at 6033 US Route 20, (Tax Map # 019.-02-09.0) for the purpose of renting for commercial storage.

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Case #4-2024-PB Public Hearing

Chairman Bush welcomed everyone in attendance followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Brad Bush, second by Heath Kotula to approve the June 18, 2024, minutes as written. All Board members present approved.

Paul Swimm is not ready to begin the project until he has time to complete it. He has planted grass at the site for the time being. Chairman Bush asked if he would stay with the plan proposed. He replied yes. Chairman Bush advised that lighting needs to be night sky compliant and not shine on neighboring properties and all signage must be compliant with our code.

SEQR Parts 2 and 3 was led by Attorney Brown

SEQR Short Form Part 2 and 3 was completed by the Board as follows led by Attorney Brown.

1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations? – “No or small impact”

2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land? – “No or small impact”
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community? – “No or small impact”
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)? – “No or small impact”
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking, or walkway? – “No or small impact”
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy, and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? – “No or small impact”
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:
 - a. Public/private water supplies? -“No or small impact”
 - b. Public/private wastewater treatment utilities? – “No or small impact”
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources? – “No or small impact”
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora, and fauna)? – “No or small impact”
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding, or drainage problems? – “No or small impact”
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? – “No or small impact”

Attorney Brown advised, based on these answers, an appropriate motion is for the Planning Board to serve as lead agency and determine that this project does not have the potential for any significant negative impacts on the environment.

Motion as set forth was made by Brad Bush and second by Mark Whitney. Heath Kotula abstained. All other Board members present were in favor.

Motion was made to open the public hearing by Brad Bush, second by Mark Whitney. All Board members present were in favor.

There were no residents present to speak on behalf of this application.

Motion was made to close the public hearing by Brad Bush, second by Mark Whitney. All Board members present were in favor.

Motion was made to approve the application as presented by Brad Bush, second by Barb Lasky. Heath Kotula abstained. All other Board members present were in favor.

Motion was made to adjourn by Brad Bush, second by Mark Whitney. All Board members present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan M. Marzo
 Planning Board Secretary

