

CRONOMER VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

April 19, 2017

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 19, 2017 the Cronomer Valley Fire District held a special meeting to discuss the district's proposed replacement communication facility. Attending was a quorum of three commissioners. Messrs. Greene, Ostrander and Dieckmann. Also in attendance, Mrs. Dieckmann, district secretary, Mr. Frank Simeone, district attorney, Mr. Gregory Lahey representing Tectonic (consultant hired by AT&T), Mr. Klaus Wimmer representing AT&T and Mr. Anthony Morando attorney for AT&T.

The secretary noted that the time, place and date of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law.

Mr. Lahey, the Tectonic representative, presented the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and stated that the proposed action will not disturb more than 10,000 square feet of land, most of which is already cleared or disturbed. He also stated that there are no unique or unusual land forms on the site and that there will be no impact on protected water bodies, wetlands, nor on groundwater quality. He also stated that the proposed action will not materially change drainage flows or patterns, nor will it impact any threatened, endangered or other species. He also stated that the proposed action will have no impact on agricultural land resources. Finally, he noted that the proposed action will have beneficial impacts on public health and safety by reason of the improved communication services it will provide to the fire department and the public it serves.

The board confirmed the fire district's need for the proposed access off Weyants Lane in order to provide an additional access to the fire station during emergencies. Some members of the Board noted that they were aware of the balloon test and opined that the balloon was only minimally visible. The board also noted that the balloon test and visual analysis demonstrated that the proposed action will not have any adverse impact on the surrounding community. Other discussion included site layout, fencing, maintenance agreement, a collapse zone and a required beacon on the monopole.

The board resolved to authorize consent to circulate the Lead Agency Notice as amended in tonight's meeting. Further resolve the board deems this project an unlisted action under SEQR regulations. A motion to pass this resolution was made by Mr. Dieckmann and a second provided by Mr. Ostrander. A vote was taken all in favor. Motion approved.

FOR THE RECORD

A lead agency response form will be sent to the below agencies along with the full Environmental Assessment form (EAF) with Part I, Project Drawings and Visual Analysis/Report:

- Town of Newburgh Code Compliance Department
- Town of Newburgh Highway Department
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Orange County Department of Emergency Services
- Orange County Department of Planning

The board received and asked the Secretary to file the Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of the Balloon test. The board also noted that since the date of the balloon test, the fire district has not received any inquiries from the public regarding the proposed action or its visual impact.

The board's next meeting on this matter will be held on Tuesday May 23, 2017, 7:00p.m. at the Cronomer Valley Fire Department. The Board will continue its analysis and consideration of the project details, the Fire District's draft agreement with AT&T, any potential for environmental impacts and EAF, will consider rendering a SEQRA Determination of Significance.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Dieckmann
District Secretary

Cc: Frank Simeone, Esq