

Present: Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers A. Bax, B. Ceretto, W. Geiben & R. Morreale; Dep. Sup. W. Conrad; Eng. B. Lannon; Attorneys B. Seaman & J. Catalano; Bldg. Insp. T. Masters; Finance Director/Budget Officer M. Blazick; Acting Highway Supt. D. Trane; WPCC Ch. Op. J. Ritter; Chief F. Previte; 1 Press; 9 Residents and Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder

The Supervisor called the Public Hearing to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection. The Clerk read the Legal Notice into the record, as follows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Lewiston will hold a public hearing, Monday, June 13, 2016, 6 PM, at Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston, New York, concerning the application of GMD Development & Samuel Talarico Development Partnership for Final Plat Approval for Riverwalk Subdivision Phase 4A, located at Riverwalk Drive, Lewiston, New York. At the public hearing all interested parties who wish to be heard will be heard.

By order of the Town Board  
May 23, 2016.

The Supervisor called for public comment.

Ellen Correa, Riverwalk Drive said she is concerned about the increase in traffic and speed on Riverwalk Drive and South Riverwalk once the road in Riverwalk Phase 4A is completed. There are no sidewalks on Riverwalk Drive. Many people walk, jog, ride their bikes and walk their dogs on this road. There is no doubt that motorists will use the new connecting road as a shortcut between Pletcher and Lower River Road, particularly in the winter when the Joseph Davis Park road is closed. This residential area will become a thoroughfare for cars to speed thru especially during the rush hour. I'm asking that you investigate this impact on traffic safety and consider remedies such as adding stop signs and/or speed bumps on the road. I hope you will consider the safety of residents, especially children to be a high priority and address this issue before final approval is given to the project.

Paulette Glasgow, The Circle Drive, said that in March, the Building Department gave to the Planning Board a list of items that needed to be addressed before any approval was given for Riverwalk 4A. These items included the depth of the manhole cover, why sewer was being taken to Lower River Road rather than Pletcher where the depth of the culvert was deeper; why are there no street lights within the development; why is there no drainage easement on a neighboring property to the north; why, per Town Code, there is no drain pipe at the property line to the north; why storm sewers, water and sewer lines were not brought past the right-of-way.

At its March hearing, the Planning Board addressed these issues per Councilman Geiben's suggestion. Conditions were placed on the development. Until those suggestions were adequately addressed per Town Code that approval should be withheld.

I have two comments with regards to this. 1) Were these conditions addressed within Town Code? 2) What is the present legal status of this development per HOA (Home Owners Association)? Is it still classified as an HOA as originally approved? It is my understanding that at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting, Mr. Seaman wishes to eliminate the HOA. I would like to know why he feels comfortable about doing this, thereby putting the financial burden of the maintenance of the infrastructure on the taxpayers, rather than where it should be – on the developer. Further, by assuming this responsibility, would the Town be held liable if anything were to happen with the ponds? As taxpayers, we are constantly being told that the Town's finances are stretched and for the taxpayers to once again assume financial responsible would not only stretch our finances even further but we would be taking on responsibilities that shouldn't be ours. It should be the developers.

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Geiben MOVED to close the public hearing. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0. Time: 6:09 p.m.

Transcribed and  
Respectfully submitted by

Carole N. Schroeder  
Deputy Town Clerk