

Meeting Agenda for April 04, 2020

1. Introductions and Selection of Designated Note Taker
2. Review of Agenda – add topics and change order as necessary
3. Discussion of Thursday's Clear Cutting for Costco Site
 - Review of events
 - i. Town's Response – Too Little, Too Late
 - ii. Governor's Mandate on Friday for Construction
 - Review of SEQR process
 - Review of media coverage
 - i. Times Union – Incorrect, didn't receive my follow up email due to typo; sent a correction and LTE (we need to write more)
 - ii. Altamont Enterprise – Article, Podcast, LTE (we need to write more)
 - iii. TV Networks – Channels 10 nothing, Channel 13 Costco bias report
 - iv. Call in to Thom Hartmann Show 4/3
 - Our Response
 - i. The Hudson Mohawk Group of the Sierra Club has offered to assist/join in in any legal action against Pyramid.
 - ii. Seek to have the Town de-designated as lead agency
 - iii. Seek to have the entire project timeline reset to 0 when the new lead agency is named (hopefully DEC, lead agency when Crossgates was built and these 3 sites are ~45 acres total size, original Crossgates development was ~ 11.5 acres for buildings and 62.5 acres with the ring road based on estimates from a March 1985 satellite photo by Andy Arthur of SPB). Need write letters to
 1. Town of Guilderland Town Board and Planning Board
 2. Albany Planning Board
 3. DEC (Need volunteer to track down where these letters go)
 4. Need Volunteer to draft model letter
 - iv. Write a blizzard of letters to all media outlets as well as elected and appointed officials.
 1. Name names, particularly Barber and Kovalchik. Ask for formal written responses, no excuses about COVID-19 necessitating quick emails. This will slow things down

and force them to be more accountable for their actions (also will provide documentation for us to keep and use in the future).

2. We should ask Pace and Jim Bacon to do this as well, the more the better.

v. The AICP should be notified of Ken Kovalchik's actions and the part he has played in this. His recent AE article proves that he wears different faces depending upon whose property is being jeopardized by development. I looked and there is an online code of ethics for those that hold this designation. We can look at that and then decide whether to proceed by reporting him via the online forms that are available.

vi. Online Petition

4. Experts Update

5. Fundraising Update

- Currently have ~\$?
- Update on YouTube and Facebook Ads
- Additional Ideas for outreach

6. DEIS Status

- No Public Hearing
- Comments Due Monday, May 4th
 - i. Currently 34 opposing, 131 in favor
 - ii. Need Volunteer to review the in favor letters and provide summary of why they want it.
- Importance of getting comments submitted
 - i. We need to make it easier to get comments sent in
 - ii. Need someone to volunteer to write downloadable letter(s) that people can customize and send in.

7. Next virtual meeting of Rapp Road Working Group: Monday, April 20 at 7:00pm