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**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The public hearing meeting of the Village of Colonie Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 via Zoom teleconference and livestreamed on the Village of Colonie YouTube page.

ROLL CALL:           Chairman                   Chris Dennis

                          Commissioners:       John Martin  
  Peter Chudzinski  
  Kenny Hart  
  Dan Judge (Absent)  
  Jim Splonskowski  
  Mark Keegan

                          Village Attorney:    Victor Caponera (Absent)  
                          Village Engineer:    R.J. Laberge

                          Code Enforcement:   Steve Meservey (Absent)

Chairman Dennis opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

**APPLICANT:**

**3 NASH PLACE  
ANTHONY & LINDA NASH  
(SUBDIVISION)**

Coordinator Hart read the public notice into record.

Mr. John Hitchcock from ABD Engineers was before the Commissioner to present a minor subdivision application for 3 Nash Place. Mr. Hitchcock stated that this application was previously denied due to the need of a required variance for the frontage on the proposed new lot. Mr. Hitchcock stated that the subdivision application was presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals on January 6, 2021 and was granted a variance for 20.19 feet of frontage on Lot 3A. The Commission is now seeking public comment for the proposed subdivision.

Commissioner Martin asked if Attorney Caponera needs to review any of the meets and bounds of the subdivision. Engineer Laberge stated that Attorney Caponera is not present, however he reviews the easements involving the Village and in this case, there are no easements to review.

Chairman Dennis asked if Coordinator Hart received any public comment on this application. Coordinator Hart explained that due to the current pandemic and under Executive Order 202.1 and 202.15 ordered by Governor Cuomo, the public is exempt from attending the public hearing, but can review application documents online and submit comment up to 6 pm prior to the start of the meeting. Coordinator Hart stated that she received one public comment, from the Colonie Fire Chief Jeff Kayser. Coordinator Hart read the comment into record. A copy of said letter is attached hereto.

Engineer Laberge stated that he reviewed NYS code regarding residential requirements for long driveways. Engineer Laberge stated that there is no state code for driveways under 500 feet, but requirements do kick in after 500 feet, which involved passing vehicles. Engineer Laberge stated that the requirements for a drive way must be 12 feet wide and to have 13 feet of vertical clearance. Village code only identifies the minimum width of a 12 foot driveway and does not identify a maximum size.

Commissioner Martin asked if the applicant considered making the driveway wider by taking a few feet from the adjacent lots. Mr. Hitchcock stated no, the minimum driveway width is 12 feet, which is what is being proposed.

Chairman Dennis stated that the Commission is legally required to render a decision within 62 days of the closure of the public hearing. Chairman Dennis stated that he would entertain a decision upon the closure of the meeting. Engineer Laberge stated that a SEQR determination is required prior to a decision on this application. Commissioner Martin stated that he will review the SEQR application prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Chudzinski seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to close the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandra M. Hart  
Planning Coordinator  
Village of Colonie