

TOWN OF BATAVIA PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING—GARDNER ESTATES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The public scoping meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Kathleen Jasinski.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow for additional input from the residents of the area.

Jason Bosignore, Attorney for Nathaniel Development stated that the financing of the project is not a valid environmental issue. The Board chose to open two issues and two issues only. Town Engineer Steve Mountain stated that any environmental issues that are a concern of the Planning Board members can be considered and included in the scoping document. Town Attorney Kevin Earl stated that the Planning Board could consider issues other than financing and traffic in a reopened environmental review of the project.

At this time Chairman Jasinski opened up the meeting to the audience for those who had any new or pertinent information.

Andy Pedro of 8460 Violet Lane stated that the developer is arrogant. He also does not like the developers attorney telling our Planning Board how to operate. He asked what type of development is going in there and will it change the character of the neighborhood?

Jeff Anders of 8429 Stringham Dr. stated that this is reckless, unchecked spending on the part of NYS. This project is based on greed and not need.

Lisa Shell of 8446 Violet Lane stated she had a huge concern about traffic. It will be an additional burden on taxpayers. She feels the developer is dishonest.

Ron Penepent of 8524 Stringham Dr. asked what guarantee do we have if this turns into a white elephant. This is not needed. Why are we pursuing this?

Scott Wolff of 8482 Stringham Dr. stated he knows the Planning Board is doing the best they can. He finds the developer insulting. Whatever way they sugar coat it, we don't want it.

Jim Palermo of 8500 Stringham Dr. stated that we have been dealing with this for two (2) years. This will be a huge change in our neighborhood. Clinton Crossings down the road farther did not ask for any government support. He has done a great job with this retirement community. There is no connection with these people. Their record speaks for itself. Also he would like the Board to re-visit the 800 ft. variance on the roadway.

Jean Butzer of 8505 Stringham Dr stated that the project will change the character of the neighborhood. The developer has proved they are dishonest and deceitful. We don't want them in the Town or Genesee County.

Robert Rindo of 8518 Stringham Dr. stated the developer is not one of the best ones in the area. He questions the type of people that could live there. They have applied for six (6) million dollars to build nineteen (19) homes at \$150,000 each. This does not make sense. Also who is suppose to be making the traffic study? He has seen traffic counters on Clinton St and East Ave but none on Stringham Dr.

Bobbie Gavel of 8523 Stringham Dr. stated that the lots of this project seem to be smaller and narrower. Why allow these strange lot sizes.

Nancy Palermo—8500 Stringham Dr. stated that this plan does not fit in our neighborhood. Also is it safe and is it needed.

Robert Rindo of 8518 Stringham Dr. stated that the entire SEQR should be re-opened.

Jeff Andres of 8429 Stringham Dr. asked is this ever going to come to an end?

Rick Tepedino

Rick Tepedino of 8469 Stingham Dr asked if there was some type of deadline that has to be met?

Town Attorney Kevin Earl stated that the document needs to be done by Oct. 6, 2011. Most developers want to get the project done. The project is not going if its being dragged out. Time restraints are on the Town.

Doug Houseknecht of 8440 Stringham Dr asked if a business plan can be requested?

Attorney Kevin Earl stated that the residents should be lobbying their congressman or Senator to advised that this project is not needed. How and where the money is spent is not a concern of the Planning Board.

Marilyn Pastecki of 8491 Violet Lane stated that she has written to her Congressman, Senator and Assemblyman and they responded that they cannot do anything. They said they should work with the Planning Board.

When no further comments or opinions were expressed, the public scoping meeting was closed at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Jasinski  
Chairman

Sharon White  
Secretary