

Colden Environmental Board Meeting

May 6, 2014 Minutes-Draft

EB Members Present: Michelle Roberts (Chairperson), Ronald Fraser, Craig Bouquin,
and Linda Antowiak

Absent: Debora Pasco

Others Present: David Arcara, Paul Cohn, Jim DePasquale (Town Supervisor),
John Kruszka, Charles McMicken, and Gerry Pietraszek

Chairperson Michelle Roberts called May 6, 2104 Environmental Board Meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

April Board Minutes

Michelle motioned to approve the April 1, 2014 minutes and Craig seconded, all were in favor.

I. McMicken SEQR

The Board reviewed the SEQR with Mr. McMicken for filing a Special Use Permit. Mr. McMicken would like to obtain an auto dealers' license with the State of New York, which will allow him to purchase used cars from auctions for resale. The vehicles will not be visible from the road and dealer plates or a single trailer will be used for transporting. The existing pole barn will be used to store vehicles, and it won't be used as a mechanical shop or paint shop.

Changes made to the SEQR by the Board:

Part 1: Project and Sponsor Information – Business name added
"McMicken Motor Sports, LLC"

Description: Change to read one to five cars instead of one to two cars

Question 13: The computer automatically checked the box for yes, regarding wetlands. Ron Fraser will check maps/website and will have an answer within five days. There shouldn't be an issue but he will check the references.

The SEQR was approved by the Environmental Board, motioned made by Craig and Ron seconded, all were in favor. A signed copy will be sent to Mr. McMicken. Michelle mentioned that a photo needs to be taken of the placard and sent to the Town of Colden for the file along with a copy of the permit. If any changes occur within the business then Mr. McMicken needs to make the Town aware, especially if mechanical work is being done that will require Hazardous Wastes. Mr. McMicken agreed to cooperate.

II. Cohn SEQR

The Board reviewed the SEQR with Mr. Cohn for filing a Special Use Permit. Mr. Cohn would like to construct a 50 kW turbine on his property. The turbine would be covered by a bond and the Endurance E-3120 Maintenance plan. The turbine has a 5-year manufacturer's warranty and the complete turbine system is covered by a warranty provided by the CEC Wind Power. The turbine will be Mr. Cohn's responsibility and not the Town of Colden, if he ever decides to relocate and sell the property. Mr. Cohn stated that the bond would transfer to the new owner if he decided to sell the property with the turbine on it.

Changes made to the SEQR by the Board:

Part 1: Project and Sponsor Information – DBA name added “Paul’s Organic Farm”

Question 2: List agency(s) name and permit or approval: - Town of Colden Special Use Permit and NYSERDA added to the line

Question 3a: Total acreage of the site – Modify to less than

Question 3b: Total acreage to be physically disturbed – Modify to less than

Question 4: Check the box residential (suburban)

Question 9: Action exceeds requirements, describe design features: - Added “See attachments: Endurance E-3120 Maintenance and E-3120 50kW Wind Turbine”

Question 13: The computer automatically checked the box for yes, regarding wetlands. Ron Fraser surveyed the premises when he visited and stated that the land shouldn't be classified as wetlands. The answer should be changed to read “no”.

Part 3: Question 1: Determination of Significance: Michelle notated the topic of the fall zone will be debated and resolved by the Colden Planning and Zoning Boards discussion, with an intent to institute of the easement to correct the fall zone.

The SEQR was approved by the Environmental Board, motioned made by Michelle and Linda seconded, all were in favor. A signed copy will be sent to Mr. Cohn. Michelle reviewed the facts if there was ever a fluid leak and how it would be handled. A speaker-phone conversation was held with Mark, a contact of Mr. Cohn. Mark assured the Board that there is a basin shaped like a bathtub that would catch all the fluid and a sensor unit that would shutdown the unit. Michelle requested copies of the turbine inspections (annual and biannual) to be sent to the Town Clerk for the file. Mr. Cohn agreed to cooperate.

III. Other Business

-Update the code book, and change the wording of the Conservation Board to read the Environmental Board. Michelle will have a meeting with Jim DePasquale regarding the code book.

-Before a public hearing, Jim DePasquale requested that a Town Board Member, Chairman, or Designee to attend the monthly workshop. This way a member of the Planning Board and Environmental Board would be available to help review the SEQR.

Michelle motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM, seconded by Linda. Motioned approved.