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MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Paul Wetowitz, Mike Flynn, Tim Connors,
Brian Koskelowski, Jim Forsyth

Also Present: Atty. V. Marino, Town Engineer Brian Nesteriak
Mike Marganski, WEO

Mr. Wetowitz read the public hearing notice.

An Application for a wetlands permit for Phase 1 for multi use development on the property known as 46 and 100 Roosevelt Drive, Seymour. The proposed uses are a vineyard, dwelling, residential use stable, wine tasting room and retail. The vineyard is Phase 1.

MOTION: T. Connors/B. Koskelowski to open the public hearing.
Motion Carried: 5-0.

Zach Georgina, Juliano Associates was present representing the applicant. He presented the proposed plan for the vineyard. He stated that there are a number of emerging wetlands as a result of the site work that was done on the site in the 1990s. He stated that there is a dirt road that comes up and around the back of the property. There is a major wetlands location coming down the center of the property. There is a man-made pond and two other wetlands locations on the property up the hill. He stated that closer to the road there are two emerging wetland areas.

He stated that the end vision for the project is a multi-use piece of property. There will be a residence at the top of the property with a drive access that comes down to the parking area to support the winery and tasting room. There will also be a retail establishment. The emerging wetlands areas will be relocated to the basin area.

He pointed out the vineyard area on the plans and the construction road that will come up to the upper most vineyard. There will also be the central vineyard as well as an access road with two temporary bridges to cross over to establish the vineyards on the far side. The dirt road will be upgraded to a gravel construction road which will prevent the tracking of dirt onto the site.

Brian Nesteriak, Town Engineer stated that new plans have been submitted which address all of his concerns. He submitted his review letter.

Mr. Wetowitz asked for any favorable public comment on the application.

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Robert Rich, 9 North Benham Road, Seymour stated that he was in favor of the project and felt that it was an outstanding use of the property. He felt that there were extensive soil and erosion control measures built into the plans

John Halligan, 36 Roosevelt Drive, Seymour stated that he is in favor of the project but is concerned about the filtration. He wanted to make sure that the system will work well enough to keep everything out of the river.

(Inaudible), 47 Market Street, Seymour felt that this will be a great addition to the town.

Joseph , 19 Roosevelt Drive and can't see why this won't be successful. He felt it was a good idea and a good project.

Mr. Wetowitz asked for anyone wishing to speak against the application.

There was no one wishing to speak.

Mr. Georgina pointed out the 25 foot natural buffer and there will also be a haybale reinforced silt fence around all of the wetlands. There will also be grass areas in between which will keep all future erosion and rainfall on the grass.

MOTION: T. Connors/M. Flynn to close the public hearing.
Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

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