

**Village of Lansing
Planning Board Meeting
September 13, 2004**

The meeting of the Village of Lansing Planning Board was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ned Hickey. Present at the meeting were Planning Board Members Doris Brown, Phil Dankert, Carol Klepack and Maria Stycos; Alternate Planning Board Member John Piscopo; Trustee Liaison Lynn Leopold; Attorney David Dubow; Engineer Brent Cross; Code Enforcement Officer Ben Curtis; and members of the public.

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Public Comment:

Hickey opened the Public Comment period.

As there was no one present who wished to speak, Brown moved to close the Public Comment period. Seconded by Stycos. All aye.

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Lansing Trails 2 – Traffic Report

Hickey stated the next item on the agenda was a Traffic Report for Lansing Trails 2. The Village has received a letter from Clough, Harbour & Assoc. dated 8/16/04 in which additional analysis was done of the traffic counts for the Bomax/Warren Road intersection. This data was subsequently forwarded to the Village Engineer. Cross stated the previous reports indicated a Level of Service at F for this intersection which is a failure. The new information reviews the PM peak hour flows and breaks them down into shorter 15 minute segments of time for each direction of travel and turning movement. The Level of Service F is limited to one 15 minute interval and only for traffic exiting the Post Office. The Bomax Drive approach does not drop below Level of Service E and that for only one 15 minute interval. Hickey invited Mr. Thomas LoTurco from Clough Harbor to tonight's meeting. Hickey would like to see LoTurco use the new data and amend the Traffic Report which will then be sent to Fisher Associates for their review. Depending on the response received from Fisher Associates, the Board could then proceed with the SEQRA review if results support a conclusion that the impact is not significant.

Klepack asked why there were two letters from Clough Harbor. Hickey responded that the Village received the first letter dated 8/16/04 and subsequently received a letter dated 9/1/04 affirming their earlier letter. Hickey stated it is the 8/16/04 letter which is crucial because it included the data.

Stycos asked about the statement regarding the number of cars exiting the Post Office and how 17 cars would change the level of service. LoTurco stated a model was used for the calculations to determine the Level of Service. Calculations were based on Lansing Trails 2 at full build-out. Given those conditions they calculated how many cars would have to be subtracted to bring all approaches to the intersection to LOS E or better.

Dankert asked about fluctuation in the number of cars exiting the Post Office. Cross stated reducing the number of vehicles exiting Bomax Drive to 17 vehicles per hour would affect the Post Office Level of Service. Leopold stated the prior Level of Service failure at Bomax Drive was thought to be because of Borg Warner and this does not appear to be the case. Cross stated this new detailed information does not show the problem is on Warren Road but is rather the problem of exiting the Post Office. Hickey stated the County is scheduled to rebuild Warren Road in 2006 and that is when a traffic light might be installed at that location. Hickey stated Bomax development should be factored into the traffic studies prior to the rebuild as part of the SEQRA process.

Stycos is concerned that the Board is reviewing data for traffic conditions as they are now and is not projecting future growth. Hickey stated it is difficult to project 10 years in advance as there are many variables. For example, Lansing Trails 1 was not built as projected possibly due to the sewer moratorium. Hickey stated the Board must ascertain that the intersection at this time will not be at failure or that the proposed development will not exacerbate the failure of the intersection.

In summary, Cross stated that Warren Road is at Level A of Service, Bomax Drive is at Levels A,B or E of Service

depending at the time of day and the only problem is with the Post Office driveway across from Bomax Drive. Hickey stated the driveway needs to be treated as part of the intersection and there was no traffic study completed when the Post Office was built since it is a Federal entity.

Hickey stated the Board will send the new addendum from Clough Harbor to Fisher Associates and will await their response prior to continuing with the SEQRA. Dubow stated the intersection failure was an issue that needed to be resolved before continuing the SEQRA. Hickey assured everyone that he and Curtis are continuing to speak with the County about the feasibility of a light at the intersection.

LoTurco will get the addendum to the Village as soon as possible and will also forward a copy to Fisher Associates. Hickey thanked LoTurco for attending the meeting.

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Comprehensive Plan:

The Planning Board then reviewed the Comprehensive Plan page by page. Cross and Dubow exited the meeting. After all was reviewed, Hickey stated the data sections have been updated, and that the Goals and Recommendations and Village Plan chapters will not need to be changed. The next revision will be after the next Census in 2010. The data chapters will receive final revisions and copies made of the entire final draft document. Hickey thanked all members for their assistance with this project.

Approval of Minutes – August 31st:

The minutes of August 31st had not yet been reviewed by the Village Attorney and will be approved at the September 28 meeting.

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Other Business as Time Permits:

Leopold stated that Clerk Dake has compiled a timeline of actions and events for the N. Triphammer Road Reconstruction project since March 4, 1996. Hickey stated Mayor Hartill and others have spent a considerable amount of time on this project.

Adjournment:

Klepack moved to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. Seconded by Stycos. Ayes by Brown, Dankert, Hickey, Klepack and Stycos. Motion carried.