

City of Newburgh
Waterfront Advisory Committee

The Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee met at the Newburgh Heritage Center, 123 Grand Street on Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Present: Denise Ribble, Waterfront Advisory Committee Chairperson
Waterfront Advisory Committee Members: Mary McTamaney, Brian Burke, Adam Pollick & Gail Fulton

Absent: Regina Dickerson

Courtney Kain, Acting Director of Planning & Development

Guests: Mary Way & Alexander Bolorin – City Staff

Ed Kennedy, Dennis Cunningham, Animal Hughes
Edward K. Peters and Wayne J. Mancroni from Central Hudson
Leif Stepakoff, PE from URS Corporation

Chairperson Denise Ribble called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The September 16, 2009 minutes were reviewed. Mary McTamaney moved to approve and Brian Burke seconded. All were in favor and the September 16, 2009 minutes were approved.

CONSISTENCY REVIEW

For the record Denise Ribble, Chairperson explained to all parties present the process for Consistency Review before the WAC. The Consistency Review involves a comparison of the short or long Environmental Assessment Form and a Coastal Assessment Form with Newburgh's approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP). The LWRP area is subdivided into 3 sections. For projects in section A (the south/Quassaick Creek Area) or B (the upland area), the Waterfront Committee reviews the Environmental Assessment Form. For projects in Section C, the Waterfront, the committee reviews the Environmental Assessment Form and the Coastal Assessment Form for consistency with Newburgh's approved LWRP.

Relocation of the Newburgh Rowing Club

Mr. Wayne Mancroni and Mr. Edward K. Peters from Central Hudson presented the Committee with a letter dated September 14, 2009 addressed to Mr. Zappieri of the NYSDOS, Division of Coastal Resources for that agencies review of the Federal Consistency Assessment Form for this relocation project. A presentation was done by Mr. Edward Peters describing the relocation project.

Included in the presentation and the letter were the following attachments:

Attachment 1: NYSDOS-Federal Coastal Assessment Form (Original) and short Environmental Assessment form

Attachment 2: Joint Application for permit

- Attachment 3: Newburgh Rowing Club-Temporary Relocation Preliminary Site Plan dated July 29, 2009 drawn by L.S.*
- Attachment 4: NRC-Temporary Dock Drawing Details*
- Attachment 5: NRC – Dock Details*
- Attachment 6: NRC-Temporary Storage Structure*

The short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and the Coastal Assessment Form submitted were reviewed by the Waterfront Committee.

The only recommendation to the EAF was by Mary McTamanev regarding Section C - C4 – advising a yes answer that the relocation is a use change.

Denise made a comment that there may be some plans for the area that will be involved in the temporary relocation, which the committee will review when the applicants come before us. Mary McTamanev commented for the record that a temporary move be only temporary; not a permanent relocation. Mr. Kennedy stressed that this was a temporary relocation.

Regarding the Coastal Assessment Form, three modifications were requested regarding checking items 1C, 3B and 4, “Yes”. Motion made by Denise Ribble and seconded by Mary McTamanev that upon receipt of the revised CAF reflecting the requested changes, the Waterfront Committee will find that the NRC relocation project is consistent with Newburgh’s approved LWRP. By roll call all present; Denise Ribble, Mary McTamanev, Brian Burke, Adam Pollick & Gail Fulton voted that the project, with the requested modifications is consistent with Local Waterfront Revitalization policies.

Upon receipt and review of the modified Coastal Assessment Form, the Waterfront Committee will provide a letter to the City Manager, Planning Board, Mr. Mancroni and Jennifer Street of the Office of Coastal, Local Government & Community Sustainability for NYSDOS as to the results of the consistency review.

Newburgh Rowing Club Boathouse Sewer Connection

Mr. Leif Stepakoff, PE from URS Corporation presented to the WAC the Short Environmental Assessment Form & the Coastal Assessment Form dated October 21, 2009 for consistency Review. The presentation included a detailed discussion of the modifications of the original plans which were approved by the NYS DEC and the Army Corp of Engineers. The proposed modifications are an improvement on the original plans per Craig Marti, City Engineer. The Committee requested copies of the approval letters from the DEC and ACOE to be attached to the modified plans. In addition, the Committee requested changes to the Coastal Assessment Form to indicate “yes” on items 1B, 2F and 4.

Upon receipt and review of the revised Coastal Assessment Form and requested approval documents, the Waterfront Committee will find the project consistent with the Local Waterfront Revitalization policies. Motion was made by Denise Ribble and seconded by Brian Burke. By roll call of all present; Denise Ribble, Mary McTamanev, Brian Burke, Adam Pollick & Gail Fulton all in favor and voted this project consistent with Newburgh’s approved LWRP.

A letter regarding the results of the consistency review for this project will be sent to the City Manager, the Planning Board and John Ebert of the Newburgh Rowing Club.

DISCUSSION

Feedback from DOS regarding LWRP

Bonnie Devine at the NYS Department of State has asked the same questions regarding the LWRP amendments as were asked previously in September of 2008. The question regards if the LWRP is the same as the Leyland Project. In order to respond and clarify this, Section 4, proposed Land and Water Uses needs to be rewritten. Courtney Kain to email to all the WAC members this section. Courtney Kain reported to the WAC this evening that the LWRP can not be certified until the Land Use map with proposed zoning changes is completed.

Foot of Broadway

Ms. Kain provided the Committee with a brief update on the concerns about the deeding of a portion of lower Broadway to OCCC.

Broadway Park

The WAC has submitted a letter to the City of Newburgh dated October 21, 2009 based on their review of the Environmental Assessment Form for the Restoration of Broadway Park project to show that it is consistent with the Local Waterfront Revitalization policies.

Consistency Review Process

The WAC, Planning and Development, Corporation Counsel and Codes Department will work on a clear set of guidelines for the Consistency Review process and forms needed for projects in the LWRP area. Once devised these will be placed on the website and library, as well as Codes department, Planning and Development and City Hall. In addition, the acting City Manager has requested that the Waterfront Committee do this and provide some training to relevant Boards, Departments and the Council

ADJOURNMENT

Adam Pollack moved to adjourn; Gail Fulton seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Schuyler
NWAC Secretary