

MINUTES OF THE GEIS MEETING

MARCH 25, 2008

The GEIS Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hans Arnold at 5:30 P.M. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members present were Jerome Donovan, Rodger Reynolds, Peggy Rotton, Bob Wood, Jerome Donovan, Ellen Rayhill and Dory Shaw, Secretary. Board Member absent: Bob Imobersteg.

Chairman Arnold stated this meeting is one of a series of meetings that have been scheduled as work sessions to discuss the GEIS for the southern area of the Town and it comes out of the public hearing that was held on March 8, 2008. It was the consensus of all the Board Members that minutes would reflect the key points of the discussion and what they want the consultants to address (all Board Members in attendance addressed the following):

- Take out the word “urban” totally from the GEIS;
- Define Growth Boundaries: Setup a plan/formula; i.e., a step-by-step process of how to get from here to there and why;
- Protect Natural Heritage Features: “natural heritage” needs to be defined more clearly, i.e., just what is meant by natural. If to be protected, identify those specifically on map;
- Create Mixed Use Centers: rather than establish mixed use – change to maintain mixed use; separate principles for Washington Mills & Chadwicks – more consistent with existing character;
- Develop Desirable Density Patterns: move up to define growth boundaries
- Create an Integrated Circulation Network: make sure “Figure 8” pattern is taken out of the plan;
- Develop Effective Storm Water Management Facilities: have the Town draft a statement to what the storm water group is doing and place it in the plan; also, address a section on potable water, sewer; moved up on the list for priority;
- Promote more efficient use of public services and safety – prioritize list;
- Respect Significant Views: Eliminate this section 2.4.8;
- Incorporate language regarding NYRI’s and rights-of-way;
- Include a specific map and narrative or regional water authority – not shown yet;
- Planner contact consultant regarding neighboring municipalities for input on plans adjacent to GEIS area;
- Consultant to define integral circulation network;

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- Create an Integrated Circulation Network – ask consultant to explain what is meant by divisive nature and negative impacts of Route 8;
- Place railroad tracks on the maps.

The next scheduled work session for the Planning Board Members is Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 5:30 P.M., Library Meeting Room (**Upstairs/Corasanti Room**).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Shaw
Planning Board Secretary

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