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New Scotland Hamlet Development District Study Committee
January 14, 6:30 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Bill Hennessey – Town Board (Chair of Committee)
Adam Greenberg – Town Board
Edie Abrams – Zoning Board
Lance Moore – Zoning Board
Thomas Hart – Planning Board
Daniel Leinung – Planning Board

The Committee continued discussions on Open Space requirements and determined that further delineation of criteria for determining suitable open space areas including the preservation of specimen trees, natural resources, scenic vistas and viewsheds and linkage of pedestrian access.

The Committee also began discussion on the provisions relating to landscaping and screening and determined that a 50% opaque requirement of covering of public utilities, dumpsters, trash bins in residential areas would not be sufficient. In addition, all screening for these areas must provide screening in all seasons. The committee also determined that other types of screening such as a decorative fence or masonry wall may also be used in combination with landscaping to screen these areas.

The Committee also discussed the provisions relating to signage. Some members of the Committee believe that this section may not even be necessary and that instead the HD should just follow the Town Zoning laws already in place with regards to signage. However, the committee agreed that some aspects of the proposed language relating to signs was problematic such as allowing signs up to 20% of a building's façade. Additionally, the Committee would like to see a prohibition on LED scrolling signs and an emphasis on unobtrusive lighting for external illumination.

The Committee adjourned at 8:40 p.m.