

TOWN OF LYSANDER
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
8220 Loop Road
Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Town of Lysander Planning Board was held Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lysander Town Building, 8220 Loop Road, Baldwinsville, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Corey, Chairman; Hugh Kimball; Doug Beachel and Steve Darcangelo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Matt Hunt

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Yager, Town Engineer; Amelia McLean Robertson, Attorney to the Planning Board; Peter Hansen; Jim Hunter; Julian Clark, Plumley Engineering and Karen Rice, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

Al Yager, Planning Board Engineer
Harris Beach, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, Planning Board Attorney
Douglas Beachel, Deputy Chairman

RESOLUTION #1 -- Motion by Corey, Second by Kimball

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board appoint **CHA Consulting, Inc, Al Yager, Primary Point of Contact**, Engineers to the Planning Board for the 2026 calendar year.

4 Ayes -- 0 Noes:

RESOLUTION #2 -- Motion by Corey, Second by Darcangelo

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board appoint **Harris Beach, Amelia McLean-Robertson, Primary Point of Contact**, Attorney to the Planning Board for the 2026 calendar year.

4 Ayes -- 0 Noes

RESOLUTION #3 -- Motion by Corey, Second by Kimball

RESOLVED, that the Planning Board appoint **Doug Beachel, Deputy Chairperson** to the Planning Board to act on behalf of the Chairman if he is unable or has a conflict of interest for the 2026 calendar year.

3 Ayes -- 1 Abstain (Beachel)

I. PUBLIC HEARING -- None Scheduled

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2025 regular Planning Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #4 -- Motion by Corey, Second by Darcangelo

RESOVLED, that the minutes of the December 11, 2025 regular Planning Board meeting be approved as submitted.

4 Ayes -- 0 Noes

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Site Plan Review Case No. 2023—008

Longview @ Radisson
Longview Terrace/River Road

John Corey, Chairman, stated that no action will be taken on this application this evening.

Al Yager, Town Engineer, asked that Plumley Engineering update the Board as to what has taken place to date.

Julian Clark, Plumley Engineering, stated that copies of the Joint Application with NYS DEC and US Army Corp of Engineers has been provided to the Board. It was submitted in December 2023 along with a new Wetland Delineation. It took them a year to get through the whole process. We did meet with the Army Corps out at the site last Spring to confirm our delineation, and they accepted that. We have repeatedly reached out to DEC to get their input. (copies of correspondence submitted). They would respond back to, 'Yes, we're working on it.' They acknowledged receipt of our permit application. After a certain point, the Army Corps said, 'We don't have to wait for them any longer.' They have a 60-day time frame. If they don't respond, we're going to issue the permit.' The DEC did not respond after, again, repeated attempts and reaching out to them to get their feedback. The Army Corps of Engineer also reached out to them. DEC never responded, so the Army Corps issued the Nationwide Permit for the disturbances. It was actually a renewal of the permit we already had based on our new delineation, because the old one had expired; and they issued a new Nationwide Permit to do the same disturbances we already had approval for. Actually, a couple of modifications, because we're not running the road up along that one side (indicating on plan). We submitted that to the town, and we're ready to move forward.

Mr. Corey thanked Mr. Clark for the update.

There was some discussion as to whether this is normal DEC behavior.

Mr. Yager stated that he has reviewed all the email correspondence and his assumption is these were not DEC jurisdictional wetlands when this was originally approved back in 2012. The joint application for a permit was submitted before the new wetland's regulations went into effect January 1st, 2025. So, this would be reviewed under the old standard, which had not changed since 2012 when the initial determination was done. My instinct is they don't have jurisdiction and they just delayed on grounds that they don't have jurisdiction, and they didn't respond. With that being said, they have been exceptionally slow on permit applications for the past year and a half or so. But again, they did acknowledge receipt of it. They'd asked for some additional information, and he acknowledged that they were working on it. So, it's not like they never said anything, or they can't say they never saw it. And again, the Army Corps of Engineers reached out to them and said, 'Hey, we're starting the timeline.' You've got 60 days, and we're going to issue the permit regardless. This was indicated in correspondence from the Army Corps.

Mr. Yager reiterated that we have received all the correspondence between the applicant, Army Corps Engineers, and DEC. Of them.

Steve Darcangelo stated that when the 60 days were up, at some point, Army Corps issued the permit.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Yager concurred.

Mr. Yager stated that he reached out again yesterday to the Permits Officer, and said, 'Hey, the Planning Board intends to move forward with the SEQR review. If you have any comments or concerns, please let us know before end of the day tomorrow' and we received no response. I sent an e-mail, left a voicemail, and even left a voicemail with the Permit Officer's secretary. I mean, I don't know what else you can do to try to get a response out of them.

Mr. Corey concurred and indicated, no, you can't do anything more than that. At some point, you'll just document all of that and have it in the file, right?

Mr. Clark concurred.

Mr. Corey stated that at this point, we intend to table this topic until next month, and hopefully we'll be in the position we need to proceed with the SEQR at that time.

Hugh Kimball asked that Mr. Clark review the minutes of the December 2023 Planning Board meeting as it's a pretty good to-do list and a pretty good listing of what was said by our Chairman and our Engineer.

Mr. Clark concurred and thanked the Board for their time.

IV. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION #5 -- Motion by Corey, Second by Darcangelo

RESOLVED, that the December 11, 2026 regular Planning Board meeting adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

4 Ayes -- 0 Noes

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Rice, Clerk
Planning Board