

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
PLANNING BOARD
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RECESSED PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2017

**ROBERT DOHERTY
SPECIAL USE PERMIT
7991 ST. RTE. 55, GRAHAMSVILLE, NY
25.-1-11.3**

The public hearing located at the Tri-Valley High School Theater was called to order at 7:16 PM by Chairman Jim Stangel.

Chairman Jim Stangel called for questions or concerns.

Concerned citizens Thomas Passero and Bette Minervini read written statements regarding their concerns and questions ranging from emissions and release of carcinogens into the air, use of caustic chemicals to clean the equipment and IDA cost analysis. There was a request to keep the public hearing open for another month but Jim stated that they had ample time to do research and ask questions. There was request for a summary of the current engineer's report. Jim read the entire report to the public. A comment was made by Ken Walter who worked for the USDA in the past as a Food Inspector and in Quality Assurance that the cleaners that are used on machinery that is used for food production must be food safe. There would be MSDS sheets available and he thinks that most people use cleaners that are more caustic than what the facility would be using. There were some more questions regarding odors, how many employees and whether the smoke would get trapped in the air due to the configuration of the land around the location. There was a question raised regarding Mr. Doherty's intentions of processing beef or other meats. He indicated that there was no intention to do so at this time at this location. He does that at another location. There was a correlation made between outdoor furnaces and his smoker but he stated that the outdoor furnaces burn for 24 hrs a day and his smoker will be considerably less than that. In the engineer report it was stated that by a correspondence with the producer of the smoker that the smoker only releases smoke into the air for 2 hours a day. Keith Stryker talked to Mr. DeYoung who is the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Texas regarding the Alpine Meat smoking facility in Honesdale. It has been in operation for 30 years and he indicated that there has never been any negative feedback reported for that facility. It was mentioned that the Alpine facility is located in a commercial corridor but it was also mentioned that there are houses on the hill behind that location. Mr. Doherty had no further comments.

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The public hearing was **CLOSED** by a motion

Moved by: Planning Board Member, Eric Horton

Seconded by: Planning Board Member, Bob Botsford

Approved by UNANIMOUS vote: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted: Geri Gorton, Clerk

Board Members:	James Stangel, Chairman	PRESENT
	Bob Botsford	PRESENT
	Phil Coombe III	ABSENT
	Dave Forshay	ABSENT
	Eric Horton	PRESENT
	Andrew Schwartz	PRESENT
	Ronnie VanAken	ABSENT
	Tom Ambrosino, Alternate	ABSENT
	Forest Darder, Alternate	ABSENT

Other Officials Present: Ken Klein, Esq.
Keith Stryker, Code Enforcement Officer
Chris Mathews, Town Supervisor

Other Guests: Tom and Maureen Graham, Ken Walter, Dr. Gleb Kosov, Bette Minervini, Steve Porter, Preston Roosa, Donna Steele, Tim Dugan and many others that did not speak.