

FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
Fort Ann, New York

Special Meeting

July 28, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held in the District Conference Room on July 28, 2017. Mr. James Seeley, President, opened the meeting at 7:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. James Seeley
Mr. James Allen
Mrs. Cathy Graham
Mr. Paul Greene
Mrs. Alison West
Mrs. Pamela White
Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

Absent: Mrs. Amy Bailey

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs. Shelley Gregorio, Clerk of the Board

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upon motion made by Paul Greene, seconded by Alison West, approval was given to the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District (“Board”) is proposing to undertake a project consisting of various interior renovations and alterations, bus loop and parking improvements, and storm water improvements at the District’s campus, consisting of two adjacent parcels located at 1 Catherine Street in the Village of Fort Ann and on NYS Route 4 in the Town of Fort Ann (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed in connection with the proposed Project; and

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WHEREAS, Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to all involved agencies, together with notification of the Board's desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, all involved agencies have either consented to Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project, or have failed to raise any objection thereto within thirty (30) calendar days; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form and supporting documentation prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves various interior renovations and alterations, bus loop and parking improvements, and stormwater improvements at the District's campus.
2. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. Physical disturbance associated with the project is minimal, and any additional storm water runoff can be adequately managed by existing ground conditions. No NYSDEC or Federal regulated wetlands or water bodies will be impacted by the project. Other than temporary, short term noise associated with construction activities, the project will not result in any permanent increase to existing noise levels.
4. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources..

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5. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.

6. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.

7. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character. Prior to performing any work, the project will be submitted for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office regarding any potential impacts to historic and/or archaeological resources, if any, and any recommendations received will be incorporated into final project planning. The proposed project is not within a scenic vista nor does it contain a designated scenic resource and, thus, will not impact any such resource.

8. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy. The proposed project is intended to result in a beneficial impact to the environment by reducing the use of conventional energy, and reducing the pollution and emissions associated therewith.

9. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.

10. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.

11. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action.

12. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment;

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and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action.

Motion carried: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstention

2. Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Alison West, approval was given to the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the old gym of the Fort Ann Central School located at 1 Catherine Street, Fort Ann, New York on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. prevailing time for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) reconstruct various District buildings, including site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$3,690,000; (2) expend such sum for such purposes; (3) expend \$200,000 of unappropriated fund balance; (4) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from unappropriated fund balance; and (5) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,490,000 and levy a tax to pay interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by paper or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m., prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

A person shall be entitled to vote at the special meeting of voters who is: a citizen of the United States; eighteen years of age; and a resident within the School District for a period of thirty days next preceding the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to September 18, 2017, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on September 19, 2017. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the School District in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the vote. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of such meeting in two newspapers of general circulation within the School District, four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such School District meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion carried: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstention

3. Upon motion made by Pamela White, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to the following resolution by this Board of Education as follows:

The Firm of Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., is hereby designated Municipal Advisor to the Fort Ann Central School District. Said firm shall be compensated for its services to be rendered in accordance with its Letter of Services dated June 27, 2017.

The Fort Ann Central School District is hereby authorized to sign the Letter of Services. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham, seconded by Alison West, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 a.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Gregorio