

ORANGE COUNTY IDA
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2-8-07
Public Hearing Report

A Public Hearing took place on this date at 10:00 AM on this date at the Senior Citizen Center at Town of Chester, Orange County, NY, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-a.

Notice of the public hearing was mailed by bond counsel Harris Beach in a timely manner to interested taxing jurisdictions; notice was timely published in the *Times-Herald Record* newspaper in a timely manner, and pertinent affidavits are on file with bond counsel.

The public hearing was conducted by Philip A. Crotty, Esq., as attorney for the IDA, who read the notice of public hearing.

Persons in attendance were:

IDA member Jim Petro
IDA Exec Director Bill Trimble
Steve Neuhaus, Town of Chester Councilman
Bob Ambrosetti, Local 373
Dick Messina, Local 17
Tracy Schuh, The Preservation Collective, Inc
Renee Rascoe, RJ Smith Realty
Joe Milcoch, Town of Chester Building Inspector
Marge LaPerle, Orange County Partnership
Michael Gaydos, Local 417
Barry Russell, Local 445
Kathy Kahn, HV Business (press)
Hank Gross, Hudson Valley Business (press)

There was no one present from the Applicant, their attendance having been excused by the IDA Administrative Director per telephone conversation.

After reading the notice, P. Crotty explained the IDA function and benefits. Councilman Neuhaus welcomed the Applicant, and explained 485-b. Tracy Schuh explained that the jobs will be good ones, in the \$50,000-\$60,000 range with benefits. Bill Trimble mentioned 300 jobs are predicted in the application. There were inquiries from the audience about local Planning Board involvement, and SEQR, and Jim Petro explained the IDA must adhere to the site plan approval of the Town Planning Board, and SEQR. The Building Inspector asked about size of building and Planning Board timing, which it was explained is up to the applicant and the Planning Board. Marge LaPerle spoke on this subject also, and also discussed the anticipated hours of operation and that buses will be kept indoors.

Jim Petro and Bill Trimble explained that applications often need to be confidential at the outset, per request of the applicant Company.

In answer to questions about local labor and prevailing wages from the several union representatives present, Petro, Trimble and Crotty explained the IDA position as set forth in the bylaws, and what can and cannot be done under State statutes.

Councilman Neuhaus explained that present land taxes will remain in place, and abatement only goes toward improvements. He said again the Chester welcomes the facility.

There was no word on the status of SEQR or closing date.

There was no expressed public opposition to the project, and, and no correspondence was received.

The hearing officer closed the public hearing at 10:27 AM.

/S/ Philip A. Crotty
IDA Attorney
Hearing Officer