

SEQR PROCESS COMPLETE AS AMENIA PLANNING BOARD ADOPTS FINDINGS STATEMENT FOR SILO RIDGE RESORT COMMUNITY

Completing a Five-Year Review Process, Silo Ridge Resort Community Now Set to Move Forward with Final Phases of Application

Amenia, NY, January 9, 2009 – The proposed Silo Ridge Resort Community finalized its New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process on January 8th with the adoption of the Findings Statement by the Town of Amenia Planning Board. This completes the SEQR process required by New York State that Silo Ridge began in 2003.

“We’re excited that the SEQR process is complete, and we’re now looking forward to getting our Special Permit and Site Plan approvals. We’re equally excited for the residents in the town and region who are patiently waiting for the benefits this resort will bring,” said Mike Dignacco, Vice President of Construction for Millbrook Ventures, the company developing the Silo Ridge Resort Community. “The Planning Board, its consultants, and our consultants have put a tremendous amount of work into this project over the past five years, and we believe that together we’ve planned a resort community capable of providing needed economic growth desired by the town and the county while caring for the rural character of Amenia and its natural resources.”

Under SEQR, the Findings Statement is a written document that considers the relevant environmental impacts, facts and conclusions disclosed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). It weighs and balances relevant environmental impacts with social, economic and other considerations, and certifies that the project is one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impact by incorporating mitigative measures to the maximum extent practicable.

“I’m proud of the work the board has done with the consultants and with Silo Ridge to get to this point in the project,” said Bill Flood, chairman, Town of Amenia Planning Board. “I’m optimistic this project will jumpstart economic growth in eastern Dutchess. Now, that the process is nearing the end I anticipate that it will energize the wastewater project as well, and help us move that much needed project along.”

The project’s FEIS was unanimously accepted by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at its September 16th, 2008 meeting and includes 338 residential units including single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums, a 300-unit hotel, spa, restaurants, and a redesigned golf course. The project boasts a world-renowned design team that includes Robert A.M. Stern Architects, Ernie Els Design, Looney Ricks Kiss and Audubon International.

A copy of the Findings Statement will be available for public review at both the Amenia Public Library and the Amenia Town Hall. The next step in the approval process will be the Special Use Permit. Silo Ridge will be submitting its updated Master Development Plan, reflecting the mitigation measures approved in the Findings Statement, for review by the Planning Board, as part of the Special Use Permit

process. After that they will move into the final phases of the approval process which are Site Plan and Subdivision approval along with agency permitting.

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