

LOCKPORT PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
LOCKPORT, NEW YORK
AUGUST 4, 2025

PRESENT: JEFF TRACY, CHAIRMAN, ROBERT BRAGG, DON GILL, ASHLEY PIETRZYKOWSKI, MARSHALL ROTH, LARRY BOUCHARD, DAN WOJEWODA, BUILDING INSPECTOR, ANTHONY SIRIANNI, DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL.

The meeting of the Lockport Planning Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. at the Lockport Municipal Building, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York.

1. Cutting Wind, LLC. 1080 Hinman Road. Request for site plan approval to utilize the site for receiving and processing end of life wind turbine blades to be recycled situated in a General Industrial Zone.

Mr. Rob Piscatelli, Cutting Wind was present to represent to project.

Mr. Piscatelli stated that he is an owner of the company. He said that they are looking to lease 1080 Hinman Rd. He said that their company is a mobile processing company for end of life wind turbine blades. He said that they will off load the blades, reduce the size and recycle them. He said that the machines they use are similar to a wood chipper or stone agitator. He said that the blades are cut down to about 20' sections and then shredded. He said that they like this site because it has a structure with a roof on it with no sides. He said that it will help control the dust and control emissions. He said that they have worked in Iowa, Oklahoma and Tennessee. He said that they have projects in Western New York, Main and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Piscatelli said that they would like to set up an operation here.

Commissioner Gill asked how many people will be on site at one time.

Mr. Piscatelli said four or five.

Commissioner Bragg asked which way the trucks are going to enter the site, Route 93.

Mr. Piscatelli said that it would vary on which project they are working on. He said that they can restrict the traffic but there is more than enough room, there is a roll off trucking business using the property now. He said that there will be no backups in traffic. He said they will have three or four trucks in and out a day, he said there is enough room for all of them to be there at once.

Commissioner Roth asked how long they planned on utilizing the property for, six months to a year.

Mr. Piscatelli said it depends on how many projects they have. He said that they would like to use the site as a base. He said that currently the contract they are working on could take sixty to ninety days. He said that they are working on a small project but are hopeful to get larger projects.

Commissioner Roth asked if they are looking for more jobs in the area.

Mr. Piscatelli said yes.

Commissioner Roth asked about the water suppression being used and how they plan on disposing of runoff.

Mr. Piscatelli said that there will be no water runoff.

Commissioner Roth asked if the water is being collected.

Mr. Piscatelli said that water is sprayed during the process and stays with the product.

Commissioner Roth asked again how they plan on collecting the runoff if they are spraying water.

Mr. Piscatelli said that there is no access water, it sticks to the material as it is processed and shipped out.

Commissioner Roth said that there is no runoff of water then.

Mr. Piscatelli said no, it sticks to the material and the process will be done under the roof structure.

Commissioner Tracy asked if the process they use keeps the dust down.

Mr. Piscatelli said yes, they have a dust control process. He said that the machines and processes that they use are DEC regulated and they are happy with what they do.

Commissioner Roth said that a concern they have is the condition of the property when they leave. He said that with they are no longer using the property it needs to be no more contaminated and be left in the same condition as it is now.

Mr. Piscatelli said that it will be written into the lease. He said that all of the processing will be performed on a concrete slab so there will be no remediation needed.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Sirianni asked if they have signed a lease.

Commissioner Piscatelli said that they are waiting on the Planning Board approval.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Sirianni asked if they are willing to provide the Building Inspection Department with a copy of the signed lease.

Commissioner Tracy asked what the noise level of the process is.

Mr. Piscatelli said that it is under the 85 dBA threshold. He said that it is not continuous and not as noise as the quarry.

Mr. Piscatelli said that they will be strategic with where they set up, they shouldn't be a noticeable.

Commissioner Tracy asked if they will have less dust and noise than the quarry.

Mr. Piscatelli said yes.

Commissioner Roth asked how many trucks will be going in and out a day.

Mr. Piscatelli said three or four a day. He said that they will come in and processed and shipped out.

The meeting was opened to the public.

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Deputy Corporation Counsel Sirianni suggested that if the Board approves the request, Building Inspection should be provided a copy of the signed lease that includes the decommissioning and clean-up plan for the end of the lease term.

There being nothing further Commissioner Roth made a motion to approve the site plan request to utilize the site for a receiving and processing end of life wind turbine blades with the following stipulation:

1. Building Inspection should be provided a copy of the signed lease that includes the decommissioning and clean-up plan for the end of the lease term.

Seconded by Commissioner Pietrzykowski.

Commissioner Gill-yes
Commissioner Bragg-yes
Commissioner Roth-yes
Commissioner Pietrzykowski- yes
Commission Bouchard-yes
Commissioner Tracy-yes

APPROVED

2. Jacelyn Singleton. 424 High Street. Request for a special permit for a home based beauty studio situated in a Low Density Residential Zone. **WITHDRAWN**

Commissioner Roth made a motion to approve the minutes from the July7, 2025 meeting. Seconded Commissioner Gill. Ayes-6 Noes-0

Commissioner Roth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Pietrzykowski. Ayes-6 Noes-0

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT MEGAN AT 439-6754 OR mbrewer@lockportny.gov.