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TO: Planning Board

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RE: Wainscott Commercial Center - Preliminary Subdivision
SCTM# 300-192-2-6.2 to 6.7

As the Board is aware, the applicants have recently submitted the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This copious document includes data regarding groundwater and soil testing, as required by the adopted scope. Much of this was provided by Alpha Geoscience. Additionally, a traffic study prepared by Dunn Engineering Associates, P.C. dated June 2020 has been received.

The Planning Department feels that given the specialized technical nature of these aspects of the DEIS, professional consultants with expertise in these fields should be hired. The Planning Board, as lead agency, is empowered by SEQRA and New York State Law (I think Dan said Town Law 276 5d) (THOMAS CAN YOU ADD THE SECTIONS HERE PLEASE) to hire these consultants at the expense of the applicants. However, estimates must first be obtained and vetted and then the requisite sum of the cost of these services must be put in escrow. The Planning Department has contacted FPM Group to review hydrogeological issues and L.K. MacLean Associates, P.C. to review the traffic study.

The scope of this work would include but perhaps would not be limited to; reviewing the submitted documents, reports, etc. and evaluate the content of these documents and, determine if sufficient information has been provided to accurately assess the potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Should the Board agree with the above, the Town Attorney and Planning Department will follow the necessary steps to place the requisite funds in escrow at this time.

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Planning Board Consensus

Does the Board wish to hire the consultants noted above for assistance in review of the DEIS?

Additional comments: _____

