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Ruth Ann Daino, Planning Board Chair
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Sent via email to: rdaino@townofgalwayny.org

Re: SCPB Referral Review #24-126 - Special Use Permit Review - Flinton

A proposed commercial use of an existing private shooting range to be used by S&K Prevention Inc. as an off-site facility for NYS mandated training of certain clients.

Location: Crane Road (Ag. Dist. #2)
Tax Map #: 213.-1-94

Received from the Town of Galway Planning Board on July 31, 2024.

Reviewed by the Saratoga County Planning Board on August 15, 2024.

Decision: No Significant County-wide or Intercommunity Impact w/comment.

Comment: The Saratoga County Planning Board (SCPB) recognizes that a shooting range use is a needed function in order to train and certify our law enforcement and safety personnel properly but also can possibly be construed as an objectionable use to the neighboring parcels. The Board understands the local review is for a special use permit which requires the applicant to meet certain parameters as to not negatively impact the surrounding area or community. The Board recommended the following considerations:

Noise and Nuisances are probably the two key parameters listed in the Town's code for special use permit review that must be satisfied to the extent negative impacts from the shooting range use are voided or lessened through mitigation measures. Conduct a noise study to determine the expected decibel levels of the shooting range. This study should evaluate potential noise impacts on nearby properties and identify measures to mitigate excessive noise, such as sound barriers or directional shooting.

Define clear operational hours for the shooting range to minimize disturbances. Consider restrictions on early morning or late evening operations to avoid noise during sensitive times.

Specify the frequency of shooting sessions and ensure it is consistent with local regulations. Request a detailed schedule of operation from the applicant to demonstrate that the facility will not be in constant use, thereby reducing potential disruptions. Provide the schedule to neighboring parcels to notify when the shooting range is to be in use.

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Determine and enforce limits on the number of attendees at any one time to control congestion and maintain a manageable scale of operation.

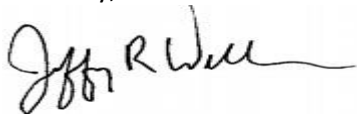
Verify that the shooting range is following local regulations regarding the discharge of firearms near buildings. Ensure that the range is situated more than 500 feet from any building, as stipulated by law.

Assess the impact of the shooting range on surrounding agricultural operations and livestock. Consult with local farmers and agricultural experts to evaluate potential disruptions or negative effects.

To ensure that the proposed shooting range meets all necessary criteria and addresses the concerns raised, it is crucial to conduct comprehensive assessments and implement appropriate measures. Detailed studies and consultations with stakeholders, including neighbors, local farmers, and law enforcement, will help to address potential issues and ensure that the shooting range operates in a manner that is both effective and respectful of the surrounding community.

Please contact the Saratoga County Planning Board if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Williams, Planner
Authorized Agent for Saratoga County

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