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**MUNICIPALITY:** Town of Newburgh

**TOWN PROJECT NUMBER:** 12-22

**PROJECT NAME:** Richard Lease Trustee Timber Harvest

**LOCATION:** Forest Road (1-1-12)

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Clearing and Grading Permit for Timber Harvesting Operation (40.7 ac)

**DATE:** November 14, 2012

**REVIEWING PLANNER:** Bryant Cocks

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

Approval Status: Plans submitted October 18, 2012

SEQRA Status: Type II

Zone/Utilities: AR/no utilities required

Map Dated: N/A

Site Inspection: October 18, 2012

Planning Board Agenda: November 15, 2012

Consultant/Applicant: Chris Prentis

Copies have been sent to: John P. Ewasutyn at the Planning Board office, James Osborne, Michael Donnelly, Karen Arent, Ken Wersted, Patrick Hines and Gerald Canfield on November 14, 2012

**Comments and Recommendations:**

1. The applicant is proposing timber harvesting operation which will encompass 26 acres of a 40.7 acre parcel. The proposal includes removal of 366 trees in total, 14 trees per acre.
2. The applicant has received a DEC Standard Activity Permit for crossing a protected stream. The crossing will be less than 25 feet wide and 1,000 feet long. The landing area for the trucks and equipment is required to be 100 feet away from the DEC wetland and adjacent area.
3. The applicant has sent the Adjoiner Notice and Public Hearing Notice to all property owners within 500 feet of the parcel, and both the Mid-Hudson Times and Sentinel have properly noticed the hearing.
4. The applicant must receive an Orange County DPW Temporary Driveway Permit to access the site, as Forest Road is a County Road.
5. The action before the Planning Board is a Clearing and Grading Permit, so referral to the Orange County Planning Department is not necessary, as it is not a site plan or subdivision.

6. At the last public hearing for a timber harvest the public was concerned with soil being left on the surrounding roadways. The applicant has indicated they will install crushed stone or shale at the entrance to prevent this situation.

The above comments represent my professional opinion and judgment, but may not necessarily, in all cases, reflect the opinion of the Planning Board. Please revise your plans to reflect these comments with the understanding that further changes may be required. In all cases the requirements of the Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations shall be adhered to by the applicant and shall be shown on the plans. Where variances to the Zoning Law are required or where waivers from the Subdivision Regulations are needed, specific requests shall be made to the Planning Board for a waiver or for referral to the ZBA. These comments are prepared based on current zoning and subdivision regulation requirements. Any change in those regulations prior to final approval of these plans could require revisions beyond the scope of my existing comments.