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Hello Vera – You mentioned that a local business owner or resident had questions about the SEQRA process related to the Route 52 project scoping outline and public scoping sessions. Here are a couple links to General NY SEQRA information; and also to the public scoping and DEIS processes. Please feel free to forward this email and the links below as you see fit:

- General information about the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (NY SEQRA): <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/357.html> ;
- A guide through the steps in the SEQRA process: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6189.html> ;
- A description of scoping, which is the process by which the issues to be addressed in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) are identified: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6426.html> . This is the process that the Planning Board has just done incorporating comments from the public and agencies in a scoping outline (scope) or list of issues, with technical requirements and details, to be addressed in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); and
- Now the Applicant must have his representatives prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to be submitted to the Planning Board for review. It may be a few months or longer before a DEIS is submitted. When we receive it, we'll review according to the scoping outline and the SEQRA regulations. Here's a link describing what is a DEIS or EIS: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6424.html>; and also a link about the DEIS review for adequacy or completeness based on the scope and content: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6422.html>.

It has been my experience that most DEIS documents that are submitted are often found to be inadequate or incomplete in the first round of review. So most DEISs would then need to be revised and resubmitted before they are adequate or complete for public and agency review. Some DEISs go through a few rounds of review before they are found to be adequate or complete.

So, for example, the public and agency comments submitted about the Route 52 project during the public scoping process were considered in creating a fully revised outline that the Planning Board adopted. A DEIS will be submitted at a later date and reviewed to see whether it is adequate or complete for public and agency review; or whether it is inadequate or incomplete. In short, there are many steps ahead in a SEQRA review in which a DEIS is required.

I hope this provides guidance and please feel free to forward if you believe it would help. This is copied to Maureen; Tamara; Lana; Julie; Bruce; Jeff Battistoni; and Nancy Tagliaferro in case they receive inquiries and feel that forwarding this email may help.

Take care,
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