

**WHAT LITTLE DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE PROPOSED “PROPANE  
STORAGE and DISTRIBUTION TERMINAL IN PREBLE”  
November 6, 2013**

1. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>: *Cortland Standard* new article [attached] :
  - a. Announcing state RR grant of \$205,994 to build a RR spur;
  - b. No other details about:
    - i. What was planned or
    - ii. The location within the town;
  - c. Cortland county IDA: “It’s unfortunate because to the timing of the grant, it’s premature to be talking about the project.”
  - d. No one in the town, including supervisor or town board has heard anything;
  
2. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: Preble planning board meeting:
  - a. Lawyer appears for Kate Edinger to subdivide 21 acres,
  - b. Between the RR and Rt 11, just south of Song Lake Crossing;
  - c. Lawyer claims buyer is unknown;
  - d. Sent to county planning without a survey;
  
3. My FOILs:
  - a. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>: Cortland county IDA;
  - b. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: state RR bureau–response due Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>;
  - c. October 17<sup>th</sup>–partial county IDA response:
    - i. Confirms Edinger’s is the location:
      - (1) May 18<sup>th</sup>–promoters made purchase offer to Edinger’s lawyer;
      - (2) IDA May application contains map of Edinger’s 21 acres;
    - ii. Mentions meeting with “investors” in late spring, as beginning of project, but:
    - iii. No information at all about:
      - (1) identity of promoter; or
      - (2) what is planned;

- (3) despite stating they were approached by the promoter in the spring;
    - iv. Does show e-mail traffic to and from an unidentified Darren Fuller;
      - (1) Google search lists DF as supervisor for Suburban Propane
  - d. October 23<sup>rd</sup>: my appeal/response to incomplete response from IDA:
  - e. October 25<sup>th</sup>: letter back from IDA attorney:
    - i. A few more documents, “inadvertently” omitted; but
    - ii. Still no answers about investors of plan;
  - f. October 28<sup>th</sup>: my reply letter to IDA lawyer;
  - g. November 6<sup>th</sup>: Response from IDA lawyer, which include one new page of hand written notes, presumably from the late spring meeting with the investors, that show plans for:
    - i. A propane tank farm of:
      - (1) 20 to 30 30,000 gallon tanks [like Mirabito’s new one];
      - (2) 6 in a bank;
      - (3) gross gallon amount: **720,000 gallons !!**
      - (4) Max of 20 trucks a day leaving the “facility”;
  - h. November 6<sup>th</sup>: my reply letter (4<sup>th</sup>) to IDA lawyer;
4. October 8<sup>th</sup>: County IDA head writes town supervisor and all members of all boards:
  - a. Never IDs:
    - i. Promoter;
    - ii. Location; or
    - iii. Any details,
    - iv. But claims transparency
5. PROTECTED STEPS BY TOWN:
  - a. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: town board accepts draft moratorium against “large scale

propane facilities” & votes unanimously to:

- i. Refer to county planning; &
- ii. Set a public hearing on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:45 pm;
- b. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>: Preble Gas Drilling Committee approves proposed amendments to zoning code to ban “large scale propane facilities”, and to forward this to town board.

6. FINALLY–PROMOTER CALLS JIM DORING, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> :

- a. Darren Fuller,
- b. Ascent Aviation Group, Altmar, NY;
- c. My e-mail to Fuller on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>; ignored;
- d. Ascent is owned by World Fuel Services;
  - i. 85<sup>th</sup> on Fortune 500;
  - ii. One of 3 companies responsible for July 6<sup>th</sup> Quebec train crash;
    - (1) 47 people killed;
    - (2) town destroyed;

7. WHY PUT IT HERE? WHY ARE WE TARGETED?

- a. Central location in state;
- b. RR;
- c. Rt 81, between 2 exits, not that developed;
- d. Next to proposed new 24 inch pipeline, 1200 psi;
- e. No need for more propane in Preble:
  - i. 5 different companies already deliver;
  - ii. 3 30,000 gallon tanks already;
- f. Not about helping the people of Preble-
  - i. It is about corporate profits of some company