

Ballston project approved

Development includes residential, commercial and retail elements

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BALLSTON SPA — The Saratoga County Planning Board has recommended approving a residential, retail and commercial development at the corner of Route 67 and East Line Road in the town of Ballston.

The county first received the plans for East Line Commons in August, County Planner Jason Kemper said. "Since then, the applicant has considerably changed the project to work with the town,"

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The plans include 210,000 square feet of commercial and retail development and 21 residential units, including single-family homes, apartments and town houses.

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The town enacted a building moratorium in March 2005 to study the impact retail and commercial development would have on the town. The moratorium expired in mid-June after a new comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances were put into place.

In the new plan, mixed-use areas, such as at the proposed East Line Road site, were highlighted as places for positive development.

The project has been sent back to the Ballston Town Council for review. The board's next agenda meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30.