

DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
APRIL 12, 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT; Board members Peter Schibbelhute, Kate Hartnett, Selectmen's Representative Fred McGarry, David Doran, Gregory Mitchell. Also present Planning Consultant Sylvia von Aulock and secretary Jane Boucher.

Chair Peter Schibbelhute called the meeting to order at 7PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fred McGarry moved and Peter Schibbelhute seconded to approve the minutes of December 28, 2016.

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 2 Paragraph 5: Correct to read "Peter Schibbelhute noted the existence of a berm on the south east side of the property abutting the Brosnahan property and asked Mr. Rollins if he could extend the berm 140 feet to the east. Top of the berm to be 6 feet above ground

Page 2 paragraph 6: Correct to read "...should be considered re-claimed..."

"...which covers only two acres."

Page 2 Last paragraph Correct to read "...in one of DES's documents for drinking water wells."

Page 3 paragraph 1: Correct to read: "He said that BMP's call for sampling of representative wells within 2000 feet of the excavation.

Page 3 Paragraph 6: Correct to read "...be flagged on the Brosnahan property and the west side along Route 43."

Page 3 Paragraph 9; Correct to read "...was 15,000 cubic yards..."

Page 4 Paragraph 6: Correct to read "...abutters, we are now..."

Chair Schibbelhute called for a vote on the motion. Voted in favor with Kate Hartnett and Gregory Mitchell abstaining.

Fred McGarry moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2017. David Doran seconded. Voted in favor.

Kate Hartnett moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2017. Gregory Mitchell seconded. The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 1 Paragraph 1: Remove the name of Andy Robertson from those present and insert following paragraph "Also present was the Selectmen's representative for Northern Pass, Andy Robertson."

Page 1 Paragraph 4: Correct to read "...there have been three professional opinions rendered regarding the visual impact on

historic Deerfield Center."

"...adverse effect on abutters."

Page 1 Paragraph 5: Correct to read "...in line with Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) criteria."

Page 1 Paragraph 6 :Correct to read"...including impact..."

Voted in favor with Fred McGarry and David Doran abstaining.

BROWNS MILL

A letter was received from Fire Chief Mark Tibbetts indicating that , after several discussions with BMI's attorney, he would like to withdraw his request for a cistern on the property and require that the three homes be equipped with sprinkler systems.

Fred McGarry moved to remove the requirement for a 10,000 gallon cistern on the property and require that the three homes be equipped with sprinkler systems. David Doran seconded. Voted in favor.

ROLLINS EXCAVATION

Kate Hartnett noted that she had spoken with David Price who indicated that he was unable to attend the site visit to the Rollins site on April 19 at 2PM. Sylvia von Aulock will contact Mr. Price to confirm and possibly re-schedule a visit.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST

Fred McGarry moved and David Doran seconded to approve the manifest for two time sheets for Jane Boucher. Voted in favor.

NORTHERN PASS/PREPARATION FOR FILING FURTHER TESTIMONY

Kate Hartnett asked Board members to review the information she provided and advise by noon on April 13 if there were any revisions.

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING; NH ELECTRIC COOP; PERMISSION TO REMOVE TREES FROM COFFEETOWN ROAD AND HARVEY ROAD (SCENIC ROADS)

Scott Carlson, NHEC Utility Arborist, and Jeff Steele were present.

Chair Schibbelhute read the Notice of Public Hearing to consider and application from NH Electric Coop to remove several structurally compromised trees in Deerfield. Four trees are located on Coffeetown Road and three trees are located on Harvey Road, both designated scenic roads.

Mr. Carlson provided maps depicting the areas. He noted that 2 Ash trees on Coffeetown Road had been removed by the tree removal company and both were dead. The remaining tree on Coffeetown Road has decay in the main stem over wires. He

identified the five trees to be removed on Harvey Road . He also noted that he had contacted all abutters , who had no issues with the removal.

Mr. Steele, a resident of Harvey Road, questioned the location of the trees to be cut and Mr. Carlson reviewed the map with him. Mr. Steele indicated that he had no problem with the removal.

Kate Hartnett advised that signs will soon be placed identifying scenic roads.

Fred McGarry moved and David Doran seconded to authorize NH Electric Coop to remove four trees on Coffeetown Road and five trees on Harvey Road as identified on the maps submitted. Voted in favor.

8:15PM NORTHERN PASS/ABUTTER COMMENTS

Several abutters and residents were present.

Kate Hartnett noted that the Planning Board , along with the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen are working on answering questions for preparation for filing further supplemental testimony for Northern Pass. She said that during the April 5 meeting Jeanne Menard thought it would be appropriate to have people who are interested and have experience with the sub station give the Board some input and feedback which may be used in the testimony.

Jim Page said that late last spring Eversource went into the area of the sub station and started doing a lot of cutting in the area. He noted that if you walked to the crest of the hill to the right of the sub station, the last of trees that screened the sub station are gone. He said that they went to the easterly side of the sub station in the spring and took everything out of the area. Then they came back in the fall and went to the north side of the station and bush hogged everything in the area. Every tree is gone at this time. Mr. Page said that Normandeau had mulched out the area under the line where the access road and someone has gone out during the past week and made an "ugly mess" with no clean up done.

Joan Bilodeau said that Monday, April 10, they were cutting pines that go along an area that abuts their property on Nottingham Road. On Tuesday, she said the cutting was very loud and very close. She noted that she made several phone calls asking if anyone had any idea as to what was going on. Mrs. Bilodeau said the pines were their only buffer. On Wednesday she spoke with two of the loggers who said they were only trimming. She provided pictures of the trees being removed.

Bill Duchano spoke voicing concern regarding disturbing the aquifer.

Phil Bilodeau said he has seen preliminary plans for expansion of the site.

Joan Bilodeau said that they held a neighborhood meeting in February at which people voiced concerns , among them regarding health and property values.

Al a resident of Nottingham Road saying this would be a bad decision based on the long view regarding health and safety.

Eve Hazen said she wanted answers from Eversource regarding power poles and impacted citizens should be told ahead of time.

Fred McGarry said that the issues raised this evening would normally be handled by the Planning Board during a Site Plan Review Process, however those powers now are under the Site Evaluation Committee.(SEC)

Jeanne Menard felt that the SEC would be very remiss in not weighing in to municipalities for input.

Fred McGarry said that whenever a developer comes to the Board and the Board feels it cannot deal with specific issues, the Board can tell the developer that the Board will hire a consultant to deal with issues and the developer will be responsible for payment to the consultant.

Joan Bilodeau noted that it was frustrating the the Planning Board cannot enforce requirements of a Site Plan Review.

Peter Schibbelhute said that the Planning Board have discussed walking several roads and videoing in order to avoid any future damage done by trucking to the project.

Phil Bilodeau noted that the trial begins tomorrow with seven judges and they will be listening to testimony from 26 groups.

Jeanne Menard noted that it was good to hear that the Planning Board will be monitoring the roads and that we have to be vigilant during the process.

Jim Page said that someone should keep an eye on the Reed property on Route 107 , North Road. Someone has excavated the wetland and doing road work in there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

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