

TOWN OF DEERFIELD, NH
Planning Board
George B. White Building
8 Raymond Rd. Deerfield, NH 03037

January 11, 2023
Meeting Minutes - Draft

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:00 PM.

Planning Board Members Present: Peter Schibbelhute, Fred McGarry, Don Wyman, Bob Cote

Manifest: SNHP November 2022 \$2544.48. Motion made by Fred McGarry to approve the manifest, seconded by Bob Cote. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. McGarry made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/14/22 Planning Board meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Wyman. All in favor, except Mr. Cote who abstained. Motion passed.

Cross Subdivision: Mr. Schibbelhute read several letters in opposition to Mr. Cross's proposed subdivision off of Mt. Delight Rd. The letters were read into record. Roscoe Blaisdell is the surveyor, addressed concerns in letters from residents. Mr. Blaisdell stated that there are 121.6 acres and just under 20 are being developed, with 50 acres of open space. Mr. Cross said that he has plenty of land and could develop more of it, but he is choosing not to. He said he is trying to minimize impact and trying to develop for future use. He said he had offered to sell the land to an abutter but the abutter had refused. The board members had several concerns including an easement needed for road maintenance, location of utility poles and underground wiring, and drainage easements. Mr. McGarry stated concern that the town shouldn't have to take on additional road maintenance given the current issue that the town has with road maintenance. Mr. Cote agreed that the town should not have the burden of more road maintenance. Mr. McGarry will provide a list of what they need from Mr. Cross before his next meeting with them in an email to him.

Public Comments: Several residents spoke, voicing concerns including impact on town infrastructure such as police & fire, wildlife, traffic from increase in cars, use of lots on a class 6 road to qualify for development.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to accept the application. Motion was not seconded. The Planning Board has 60 days to accept the application.

Mr. McGarry made a motion for continuance of the subdivision plan to 2/22/2023, seconded by Mr. Cote. All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business: Mr. Schibbelhute, as the newly appointed road agent, asked the Planning Board to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss tree removal from scenic roads. He explained that a lot of money is being spent to maintain scenic roads and they are fixing the same things over and over and that some tree removal and ditch work could alleviate some of that. Mr. Cote made a motion to hold a public hearing on 3/8/2023, seconded by Mr. Wyman. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. McGarry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wyman. All in favor. Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 9:25 PM.

These minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by
Tina St. Peter, Recording Secretary
Pending approval by the Planning Board