

DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUNE 28, 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Board members Peter Schibbelhute, Kate Hartnett, Selectmen's Representative Fred McGarry, David Doran. Also present Town Planner Sylvia von Aulock and secretary Jane Boucher.

7PM Chair Schibbelhute called the meeting to order.

CONTINUATION; PUBLIC HEARING; RENEWAL OF EARTH EXCAVATION PERMIT;

The secretary advised that Steve Rollins had called and said he was not able to attend the hearing this evening. The Continuation of the Public Hearing is now scheduled for July 12, 2017 at 7:30PM.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST

Fred McGarry moved and David Doran seconded to approve the manifest for a time sheet for Jane Boucher for 14 1/2 hours. Voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kate Hartnett moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2017. David Doran seconded.

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 2 Add after Paragraph 3: "Kate Hartnett advised that the signs for names of scenic roads have been received and will be placed on the designated roads".

Page 3 Correct Paragraph 1 by adding "The Fish and Game Easement is not mentioned on the recorded sheets."

Page 3 Paragraph 2: Correct to read "...regarding an application for site work at the Eversource sub station site."

SIGN ORDINANCE

Kate Hartnett noted that our current "Sign Ordinance" indicates that under D. Signs may not be animated, flashing or have intermittent illumination". She referred to the sign recently placed in front of the GB White Building.

Fred McGarry said he had spoken with Code Enforcement Officer Rick Pelletier who advised that under RSA's Towns are exempt from their ordinance requirement.

Kate Hartnett and Sylvia von Aulock agreed that it would be more of a courtesy and less awkward if the Board of Selectmen go to the Board of Adjustment to request a variance. Board members agreed and Mr. McGarry will bring this to the Board of

Selectmen at their July 10, 2017 meeting.

PROCESS TO PREPARE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING 2018
Sylvia von Aulock suggested that a committee be formed including representatives from Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Heritage Commission and the Code Enforcement Officer to discuss issues that have come up regarding our ordinance and meet with the Planning Board to present their findings.

Ms. von Aulock said she will be meeting with Department Heads on July 5 and would like to mention forming a committee.

It was the consensus of the Board that Ms. von Aulock proceed.

PLEASANT LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (PLPA)
Board members were given information with pictures showing the proposed trees to be removed on Gulf Road.

Sylvia von Aulock advised that she had met with Ann Scholz and John Daffy (PLPA) in the second week in May, right after they had received approval from the Board of Selectmen to reconstruct Gulf Road.

Ms. von Aulock said that she had reviewed the design and noticed that it called for removal of stone walls. She asked if they had been in touch with property owners and they advised they had not. According to Ms. von Aulock PLPA had re designed the road so that stone walls were not removed and temporary easements were not necessary.

David Doran said that stone walls form a permanent boundary easement.

Peter Schibbelhute noted that trees will be removed and stumps dug up which indicates there is no way that the stone walls will not be damaged.

Kate Hartnett referred to RSA 231:158 "...shall not involve the cutting, damage or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls, or portions thereof, except with the prior written consent of the planning board after a public hearing."

7:45 Kate Hartnett said that the Public Hearing is scheduled for 8PM however if those in the audience wanted to begin discussing the tree removal at this time, the Board is in agreement.

Ann Scholz said that they would like to present a slide presentation. She said that there appears to be a roadway

easement on the Fish and Game property, but they were not able to confirm.

Planning Board members introduced themselves. Seven people from PLPA were present and introduced themselves; Ann Scholz, John Duffy, Oni Irish, Mrs. Irish, Tim Mallette, Tom Brennan, Preston Thurston and Chuck Reese.

Ann Scholz advised that the PLPA had received a Watershed Assistance Grant to fund the project, it required a 40% match and they met with the Board of Selectmen and they would provide labor and equipment for the project and they are working pro-bono on the project.

SPM APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING; TOWN OF DEERFIELD/PLEASANT LAKE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION; REMOVAL OF TREES/GULF ROAD A SCENIC ROAD

Chair Schibbelhute read the Notice of Public Hearing to consider an application from the Town of Deerfield and Pleasant Lake Conservation Association (PLPA) for the removal of trees and brush from Gulf Road, a scenic road. This work is necessary in order to reconstruct the roadway starting at its intersection with NH Route 107 to just beyond the lakes spillway to Pleasant Lake. The reconstruction includes a new vertical profile, road cross section, and a drainage system to provide water quality treatment of storm water runoff. All trees to be removed are marked at the site with a blue and white checkered ribbon.

Ann Scholz said the the Watershed Restoration Plan of 2015 identifies the area and they applied for a 319 Watershed Grant. They are proposing catch basins on the side of the road along with storm chambers. Removal of trees will increase the width of the road but will not require removal of stone walls. This plan will be a benefit and best practices are in place.

Chair Schibbelhute asked if the PLPA is in favor of this. President John Duffy replied "yes".

Fred McGarry asked if any abutters were present tonight. No abutters were present but Ann Scholz replied that she had reached out to abutters and those responding had no objection.

PLPA presented a slide presentation showing the 26 trees to be removed. A copy of Photos 1-7 depicting those trees is attached to these minutes.

While reviewing the photos, Board members noted that four trees on Photos 1, 6 and 7 may need to be removed and rather than have to come back to the Board for another hearing, they suggested the four trees be included with an option to remove

them or leave them.

Fred McGarry said that stone walls will need to be re-built if it is disturbed.

Kate Hartnett and Sylvia von Aulock asked if there was any consideration given to putting in bike path. PLPA will speak with the Board of Selectmen at their meeting scheduled for July 10. They will also speak with the Board at time regarding replacing signs.

Fred McGarry noted that the Deerfield Board of Selectmen will probably asked to meet with the Northwood Board of Selectmen regarding traffic coming and going to Northwood on Gulf Road.

Kate Hartnett noted that there were five items discussed:

1. Moving infiltration
2. Add four trees to count
3. Raise issue of signs with Board of Selectmen
4. Share for bike marking with Board of Selectmen
5. Deerfield Board of Selectmen meeting with Northwood Board of Selectmen.

Fred McGarry moved to approve the request of PLPA to remove 26 trees indicated on the table provided from Gulf Road and plus an additional four trees as result of the Public Hearing. Trees under 5 inches may also be cut. David Doran seconded. Voted in favor.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Sylvia von Aulock noted that the CIP definitely needs to be updated and she does not have the time to work on it. In order for SNHPC to update it they will need a scope of work to determine a cost. She said that it requires a lot of departments to work together.

Fred McGarry said that Jack Munn, SNHPC, had put together Impact Fees for Fire and Police. Impact Fees cannot be updated until a CIP is in place. Mr. McGarry said, in view of the work to be done, he felt something should be put in the Planning Board budget.

Sylvia von Aulock felt that the cost for a complete update would probably be \$6000-\$10,000. She will check with SNHPC to see what the cost was for updating Chester's CIP and report back to the Board. Ms. von Aulock will also bring this issue to the Department Heads at their meeting on July 5.

Kate Hartnett suggested that it not be updated as it is never used. She said it is a lot of work for nothing.

Fred McGarry noted that Impact Fees cannot be assessed unless we have an updated CIP.

David Doran felt that that we need to update the CIP and it should be looked at every year. It is the responsibility of the Planning Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Recorded and transcribed by Jane Boucher
Pending Approval by the Planning Board

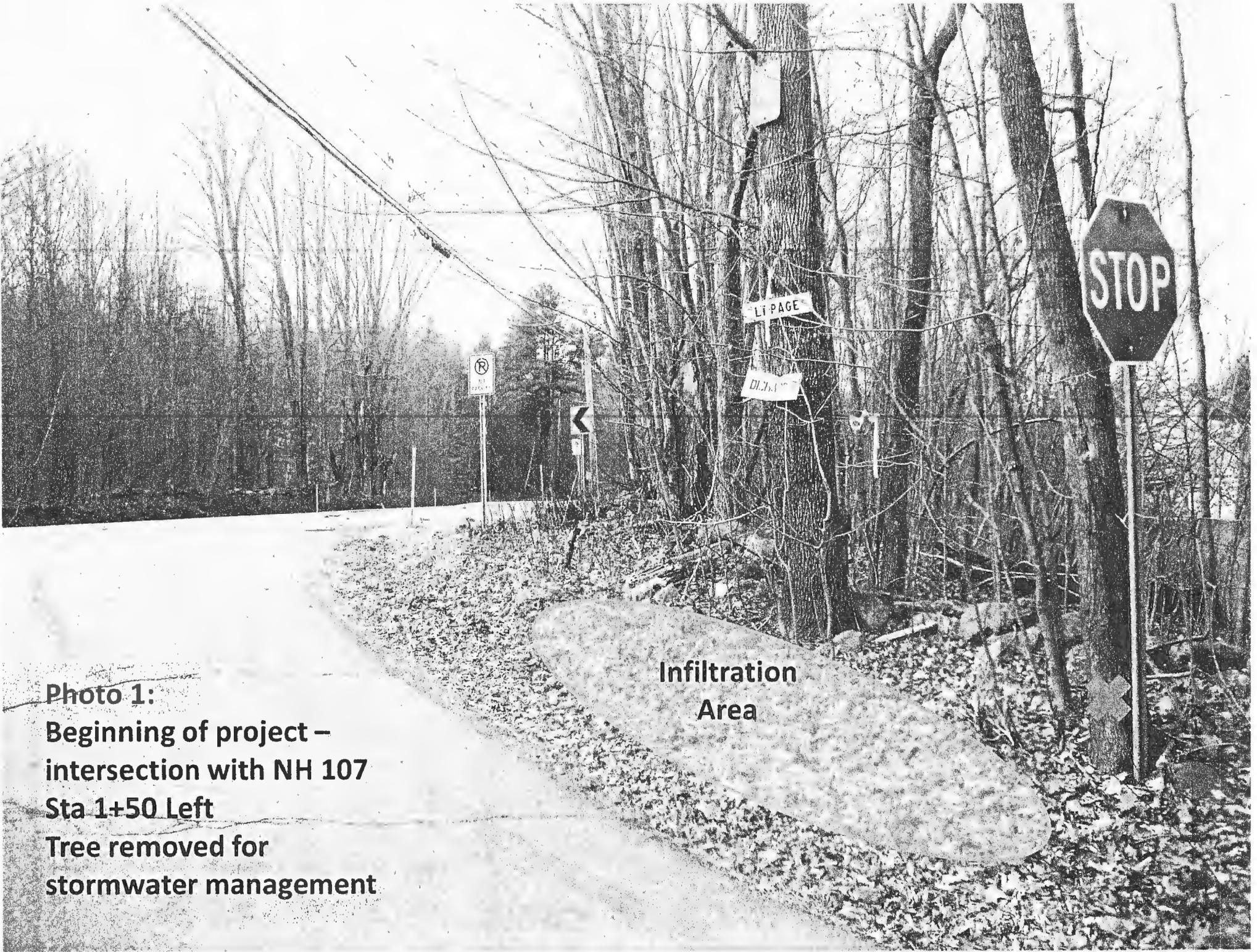


Photo 1:
Beginning of project –
intersection with NH 107
Sta 1+50 Left
Tree removed for
stormwater management

Infiltration
Area



**Photo 2:
Centerline Sta 1+80 – 2+50 Left
Trees removed for roadway
reconstruction**



**Photo 3:
Centerline Sta 2+50 - 3+10 Left
Trees removed for roadway
reconstruction and drainage
system**

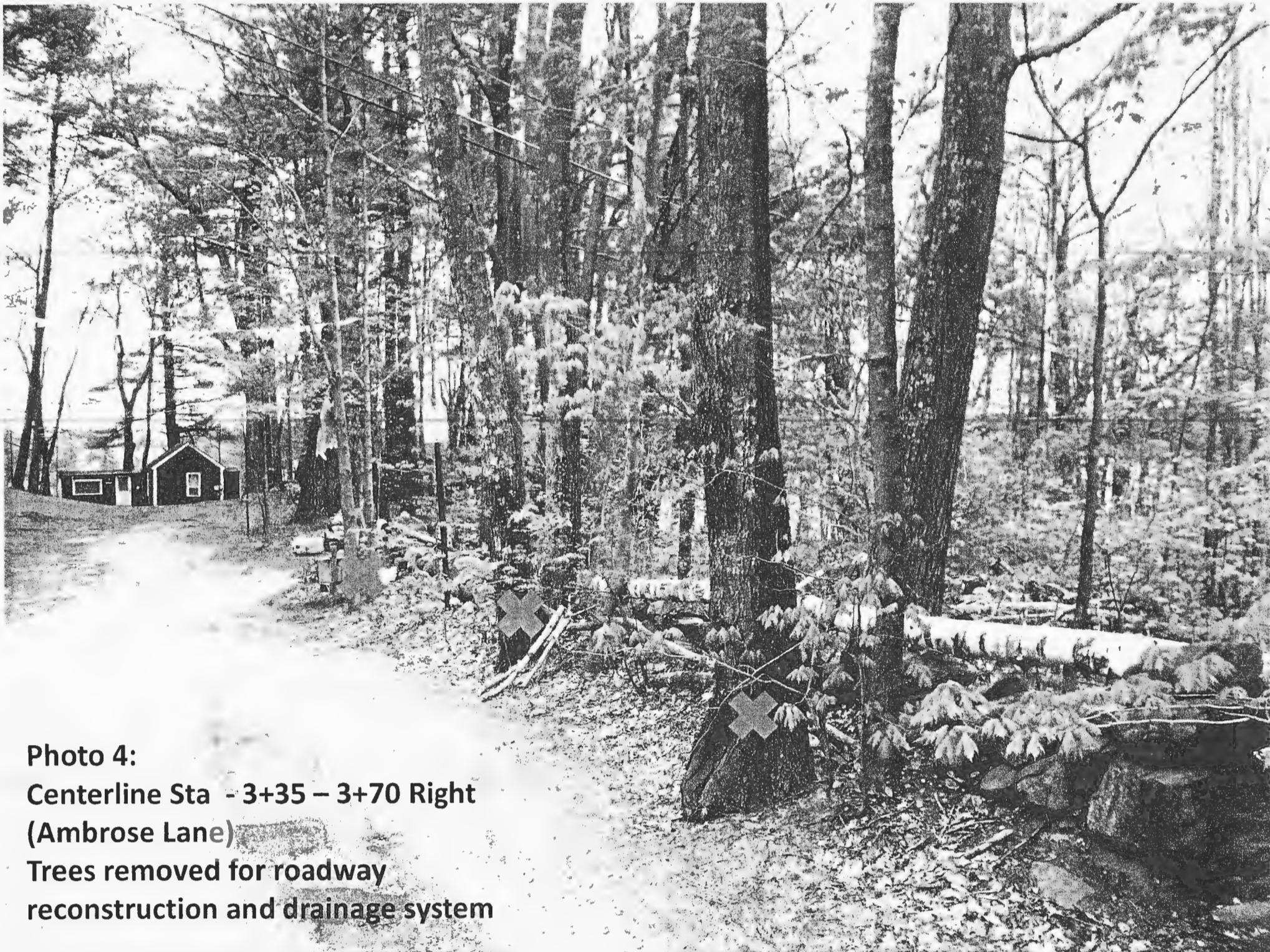


Photo 4:
Centerline Sta - 3+35 – 3+70 Right
(Ambrose Lane)
Trees removed for roadway
reconstruction and drainage system



Photo 5:
Centerline Sta - 4+15 – 4+50 Right
Trees removed for roadway
reconstruction



Photo 6:

**Centerline Sta 4+33 – 4+73 Left
Trees removed for roadway
reconstruction and drainage
system**



Photo 7:
Centerline Sta 6+50 – 7+00
Trees removed for roadway
reconstruction and drainage
system