

DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUNE 24, 2020

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT; Board members Peter Schibbelhute, William Perron, (Participating via zoom) Fred McGarry, Robert Cote. Also present Sylvia von Aulock, SNHPC, and Jane Boucher , secretary.

7PM Chair Peter Schibbelhute called the meeting to order A roll call was held.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST

William Perron moved to approve the manifest in the amount of \$ 2456.02. (SNHPC Contracts for February, March and April, 2020, time sheets for Jane Boucher). Fred McGarry seconded. Voted in favor.

REQUEST FROM DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Serita Frey participated via zoom.

The Conservation Commission have requested information regarding a \$2,500.00 bond that was required for BMI to complete reclamation.

The secretary noted that the finance department had no record of receiving the bond and she had written to BMI's attorney requesting information regarding the bond, but had not yet received a reply.

Ms. Frey said that Kate Hartnett, a former member of the Planning Board, had volunteered to contact James Oehler, NH Fish & Game, for information.

Robert Cote said that the Planning Board should be the contact with NH Fish & Game.

Fred McGarry will visit the site and report back to the Board.

715PM APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING; HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, DEERFIELD, NH/ APPROVAL TO REMOVE TREES/ CANDIA ROAD
Steve Rollins, Road Agent was present along with Barbara Matthews, Serita Frey, Thomas Foukes, Susan Steele participated via zoom.

Chair Schibbelhute read the Notice of Public Hearing by which The Highway Department is requesting approval to remove on Candia Road that are dead or dying and hindering the flow of the ditch line .

Chair Schibbelhute read letters from Emily Moore, Frank

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Bioteau, Steve & Carol Sarro, Leslie Van Berkum, Frank Mitchell, Jack and Rebecca Hutchinson and Rob and Barbara Matthews, Copies of the letters are attached to these minutes.

William Perron moved to accept the application. Fred McGarry seconded. Voted in favor.

William Perron .noted that he thought the trees that are dead should be removed.

Fred McGarry said that he had visited the site and recommended that the Board conduct a site visit.

Board members agreed.

Sylvia von Aulock recommended that the trees that need to be removed because of the ditch be marked differently. She noted that many of the marked trees may be a habitat for birds.

Board members will conduct a site visit on Sunday, June 28 at 9AM.

Steve Rollins said that the reason for the request is that the Town would like to do an overlay. Mr. Rollins noted that the Town has been granted an easement from the Longs to cut off a banking and create a ditch at the location.

William Perron moved to continue the Public Hearing to July 8, 2020 at 7:15PM. Fred McGarry seconded. Voted in favor.

7:45PM CONCEPTUAL MEETING/SITE PLAN REVIEW/BRIAN MOULTON 48 RAYMOND ROAD
Brian Moulton was present.

Mr. Moulton provided revised plans for his proposal for a storage and repair business for boats. The proposed building is 20 x 50 .The proposed driveway will wrap around the back side , away from the road. Mr. Moulton said he would be storing 4 or 5 at a time.

Peter Schibbelhute said that the plan needs to include an amount of boats and trailers.

Robert Cote questioned if Mr. Moulton's abutters had any issues. Mr. Moulton said that he had spoken with two of his abutters who had no objections.

Peter Schibbelhute advised that he would need a certified engineered plan showing all setbacks, property lines and building measurements, parking area, etc.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

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

From: ewmoore10@gmail.com,

To: f5fy@aol.com,

Subject: Planning Board Meeting this Weds re Scenic Road work on Cole and Candia Roads

Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 9:29 am

Hello Jane,

I am hopeful that the work to be done soon on Candia and Cole Roads will fully respect their status as Scenic Roads.

Often I have purposely driven down Cole Road, Candia Road to enjoy their natural beauty. That always cheers me on a little!

Takes a long time to grow a big old beautiful tree...

Emily Moore

From: fbioteau@hotmail.com,
To: f5fy@aol.com,
Subject: Scenic roads
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 2:08 pm

Frank Bioteau. 46 reservation rd. Deerfield

Years ago I voted for the scenic Road Designation of Candia and Cole Rd. While serving as a selectman at the time I supported keeping our country roads scenic. I live on Reservation Rd and have seen what happens when work is done without consideration. The town worked in front of my home and in places it is still bare ground and nothing will grow. Trees near the cemetery will eventually come down from erosion threatening the cemetery.

The townspeople voted for the scenic road designation so please honor their wishes
Frank Bioteau

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tamsarro@metrocast.net,
To: f5fy@aol.com,
Subject: Comment About Repaving of Candia Rd
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 2:20 pm

Dear Ms. Boucher,

My name is Steve Sarro, my wife Carol and I live at 7 Peterson Rd. in Deerfield.

I would like to submit our thoughts and concerns to the Planning Board members for their consideration tomorrow evening.

It is our understanding that the Town of Deerfield intends to repave Candia Rd. We have noted that several trees (both live and dead) have been marked with a red X. We believe that these trees have been marked for removal.

It is also our understanding that Candia Rd. and Cole Rd are registered as "scenic" roads with the Town of Deerfield.

We are concerned that some of the marked trees will be removed unnecessarily. Several of these trees are viable and contribute significantly to the beauty and function of the road. We would urge the Planning Board to not allow the cutting of the viable roadside trees for ditching purposes, but rather to work around these trees as has been done in the past. We would also suggest that road work not include any widening, only maintaining the road as it is.

My wife and I would be happy to meet on site with any or all Planning Board members and/or the Deerfield road agent to discuss our concerns about the project and what lasting effects it may have on this beautiful road.

Respectfully,

Steve & Carol Sarro

603.315.4802

From: eilselvb@gmail.com,
To: f5fy@aol.com,
Subject: Candia and Cole Roads
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 7:59 pm

Dear Jane, It has come to our attention that parts of Candia and Cole Roads will be repaved soon.

I believe that Deerfield does a great job taking care of it's roads, but as an agricultural business with an appreciate for the natural beauty of our town, it is disheartening for us at Van Berkum Nursery to see how many trees are removed during some of these projects and how barren the sides of the roads are after these improvements. I site both Griffin Road, where we live, and also Harvey Road as examples. It seems that fewer trees could be removed and with more sensitivity to the surrounding habitat and still make room for these road improvements.

Thank you and to the Planning Board for considering this comment during the repaving on Candia/Cole Roads and other future projects.

Best,
Leslie van Berkum
Van Berkum Nursery
4 James Road, Deerfield NH

June 23, 2020

Deerfield Planning Board
8 Raymond Road
Deerfield, NH 03037

Dear Planning Board:

I'm writing in regard to the public hearing about the proposed road work on Candia Rd. and Cole Rd., both designated scenic roads. Given that designation, I urge the Planning Board to ensure that the associated requirements are met and that information and opinions of residents who live along the roads are given serious consideration. The scenic road designation is the result of the concern of town residents and the will of the voters, who expected that the scenic quality of those roads would be maintained by the designation. I will appreciate any action you take in support of this.

Frank Mitchell

From: jack.hutchinson@gmail.com,
To: f5fy@aol.com,
Cc: rebec47@gmail.com,
Subject: Removal of trees on Candia Road.
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2020 11:59 am

Hi Jane - please pass this along

To; Deerfield Planning Board
Re: Removal of trees on Candia Road.

We lend our support to the Matthews and others in preserving the shaded, sheltered, country lane nature of Candia Road. We urge you to decide to work around living trees, even if imperfect, wherever possible.

Thanks for the road crew's steady and excellent work to maintain Deerfield roads on a limited budget.

Sincerely
Jack and Rebecca Hutchinson

June 22, 2020

Deerfield Planning Board
8 Raymond Road
Deerfield, NH 03037

Dear Planning Board Members,

We are writing to express our interest in and concerns about the proposed work on Candia Road and Cole Road, both designated scenic roads. We've walked both roads since trees in the project area were marked.

The 38 trees marked with a red x are generally dead or dying, with a few exceptions including:

~ Between # 5 and # 8 Candia on the west side of the road there is a healthy maple of 25 inches in circumference and lovely overarching branches.

~ Across from #7 Cole Road there is a large maple measuring 52 inches in circumference which is viable and provides welcome shade.

The other 20 trees that have been marked with red dots are of the greatest concern. These trees are viable and should not be cut, except by the request of the landowner. These dotted trees contribute to the scenic nature of Candia Road and Cole Road and have been worked around in the past. They ought to be saved and worked around now.

The scenic road statute is specifically designed to preserve rural character by protecting trees and historic stone walls. We hope the Planning Board will respect the wishes of the Deerfield residents who voted to designate these roads as scenic by only allowing removal of the dead or dying trees and by protecting stone walls and living roadside trees.

Sincerely,

Rob Mathews
Barbara Mathews

Rob & Barbara Mathews
47 Candia Road
Deerfield, NH 03037