

DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCTOBER 27, 2021

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT; Board members Peter Schibbelhute, Fred McGarry, Board of Selectmen's Representative, William Perron, Robert Cote. Also present Cameron Prolman, SNHPC, Jane Boucher, secretary.

7PM Chair Schibbelhute called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST

William Perron moved to approve the manifest in the amount of \$959.45 (SNHPC) and a time sheet for Jane Boucher (20 1/2 hours). Fred McGarry seconded. Voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fred McGarry moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021. William Perron seconded. The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 1 Paragraph 9: Correct to read "....noted that once a bond..."

Page 2 Paragraph 9: Correct to read "Charles Monteverdi..."
Voted in favor

REQUEST TO COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE

Cameron Prolman will complete the questionnaire submitted by Town Clerk Kelly Roberts

RESCOM

The Board reviewed information from RESCOM re: T Mobile's information regarding work upgrading a project located at 30 Raymond Road. Fred McGarry moved that the Building Inspector will need to review the information and no further action by the Planning Board is necessary. William Perron seconded. Voted in favor.

7:15PM APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING; EVERSOURCE; REMOVAL OF TREES; HARVEY ROAD

Chair Schibbelhute read the Notice of Public Hearing by which the Planning Board will consider a request by Eversource Energy for removal of five trees on Harvey Road, a scenic road, in Deerfield, NH. Trees will be trimmed to accommodate a five foot rise of new pole installation.

Chair Schibbelhute advised that John Harrington had forwarded an e-mail from Joanne Bradbury re: Harvey Road. He noted that he was not able to print the e-mail. Ms. Bradbury wrote voicing concern that the new poles have been installed already.

Terry Cooper, representing Eversource was present noting that

no trees have been cut. He provided a plan depicting the Pole Location. He also provided a statement from Eversource outlining the procedure. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Terry Cooper addressed the Board first reading the comments from Eversource.

Mr. Cooper noted that essentially it is the same specifications used to trim trees on scenic roads. Because of the need to replace lower poles with higher poles in the area. Anytime poles are move or replaced, trees are affected. He noted that unfortunately there are five or six trees that do encroach the area. Any trees that are scheduled to be removed by Eversource are tagged with blue flags.

Mr. Cooper said he had spoken with Joel Hughes, an abutter, who gave permission to remove trees from his property. He said he needs abutters permission, as well as the Town's.

Fred McGarry questioned if we are looking at removing five trees. Mr. Cooper replied that it might be six trees depending ongoing work.

Joel Hughes invited anyone who wants to drive by to do so. He said that at least two of the trees are in bad condition and need to be removed.

Dennie Greig said she did have a copy of Joanne Bradbury's letter and read it. She expressed concern that poles were installed before permission was granted to cut trees. She noted that it was important to come before the Planning Board before removing and replacing poles.

Joel Hughes said he went to Eversource first asked them to tell them they requested to have poles on their property replaced in order to have power brought to their garage.

Fred McGarry felt Ms. Greig has a valid point. Before removing and replacing poles, Eversource should come to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing.

Mr. Cooper said he was not familiar with the planning side of the application. He dealt with vegetation.

Dennie Greig said she was not criticizing Eversource, she was questioning the process.

Brett Stillwell also noted that the process needs to be addressed.

Fred McGarry said the Statute does not indicate that trees need

to be cut first.

Erroll Rhodes also said that a letter should be sent to Eversource to upgrade process.

Mr. Cooper will advise Bob Brenner from Eversource of the situation.

Fred McGarry moved to Grant permission to Eversource to remove five or six trees on Harvey Road . William Perron seconded. Voted in favor.

7:45PM CONTINUATION PUBLIC HEARING; MAJOR APPLICATION FOR PLEASANT LAKE WATERSHED ORDINANCE; MILLER J. VAN VLIET, 3 WILLOW LANE

Tobin Farwell was present

Fred McGarry noted that the Planning Board conducted a Site Visit to 3 Willow Lane and the project itself is 27% impervious and is within limits. The issue that came up is that the ordinance requires a 100 foot buffer zone on either side of the brook. It does allow the Planning Board to reduce the buffer down to 50 feet. Mr. McGarry referred to Section 330.6 B "Any reduction in the required buffer zone width down to an absolute minimum of 50 feet may be granted by the Planning Board upon presentation of a hydrologic or other study that provides documentation and justification, acceptable to the Planning Board...". He noted that he felt the 50 foot buifer was an absolute minimum and he did not feel the Planning Board could make it any closer.

Tobin Farwell said he had gone to the property and located all the trees in the buffer. He showed a plan showing trees to be removed and also pictures of trees. He also adjusted the retaining wall to ensure that the 16" Hemlock will not be impacted.

Mr. Farwell said it was his understanding that he goes back to the ZBA to adjust the 100 foot buffer requirement to 28.6 feet.

Fred McGarry questioned the distance from the existing building to the brook.

Tobin Farwell replied it is approximately 35 feet.

Mr. Farwell will apply to the Board of Adjustment for a variance and will meet with the ZBA in November, 2021.

Fred McGarry moved to continue the Public Hearing for Miller Van Vliet to December 8, 2021 at 7:15PM. William Perron seconded. Voted in favor.

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8:15PM CONTINUATION PUBLIC HEARING; MINOR SUBDIVISION EDWARD
AND SANDRA CROSS; RANGE ROAD

Edward Cross was present. Mr. Cross asked the Board to
continue the Public Hearing.

Fred McGarry moved to continue the public hearing to November
10, 2021 at 7:15PM. William Perron seconded. Voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

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



Eversource specifications call for the removal of brush and limbs which are located within eight feet to the side, ten feet below or fifteen above conductors. Trees which present a threat to Eversource lines or other equipment because of decay or other defect will be removed on a case by case basis.

All work will be performed in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards. Eversource has contracted with Asplundh Tree Expert perform the actual clearing of trees. Eversource requires that our clearing contractor contact each landowner where trees are to be trimmed or removed prior to commencement of work on that property. Individual concerns will be addressed at this time.

All brush and limbs cut on roadside locations will be chipped. In wooded, undeveloped locations, these chips may be dispersed into the woods taking care not to allow chips to accumulate in piles or in ditches. Near developed land, the chips will be blown into a truck and disposed of offsite. The chips make good mulch and are often given to nearby property owners for landscaping purposes. If a central dumping location could be arranged, Eversource would be happy to make any unclaimed chips available to the Town at no cost. Brush and limbs cut on inaccessible lines will be stacked to the side of the right-of way and cut low to the ground. All wood will be left on site unless otherwise directed by the landowner.
