

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

4/14/2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

PB members present; Dave Bower, Gordon Peery, John Wengler and Maury Collins

Also present Dane D'Arcangelo rep Eversource, Paul Arno rep Asplundh, Lynn Francis, Ellen Levy, Marcus White, Judith Putzel, Jane Giffin AND Sienna Giffin,

HEARING OPENED FOR EVERSOURCE SCENIC ROAD CUTTING AT 7:04PM

Dane explained that they must hold a hearing to trim, cut and remove trees along scenic roads in town which include Apple Hill, Lead Mine and Tolman Pond. This is a maintenance process that is done every 4-5 years and only trees that are dead, diseased or dying are targeted and marked with a blue and white flag to be cut down if written permission is given by the property owner. Trimming does not need permission and is only done if a tree has branches that are near the power lines and could take the lines down in a storm. Dane and Paul apologized that an error was made and a portion of Lead Mine Rd was trimmed before the hearing which was in violation of the RSA. The timeline for the cutting and trimming is late spring to summer. Sienna Giffin wanted assurance none of the debris from the cutting would go into Tolman Pond. When asked about trees that had already been cut down near Tolman Pond, Dane explained that the road agent had called with trees that were immediate threats that Eversource took care of as a courtesy. Dane said all he would need from the planning board was a letter of permission to go forward. Gordon called for a vote and David seconded.

- Vote 4-0 in favor

SUBDIVISION HEARING OPENED FOR WHITE AT 7:30 PM

Marcus White presented his plans prepared by Huntley Survey and Design to separate the 2.37 acres shown on the Nelson Tax maps as 003-053-000 from the 27 acre lot known on the Nelson Tax maps as 003-52-000 which was designated as one parcel when a subdivision of 214 acres occurred on 8/13/92. Gordon had spoken to Mr. Huntley who clarified that no new building lot was being created and the goal was to make the 2.37 acre lot, already divided from the 27 acre lot by Lead Mine Rd and has its own map and lot number, a separate stand alone lot. Gordon called for a vote to approve the subdivision application. David seconded. **Vote was 4-0 in favor.** Gordon called for a vote to approve the subdivision. David seconded.

- **Vote was 4-0 in favor**

The previous minutes were approved, seconded by David and signed.

Gordon discussed further review of the Planning Board Policy Book and hopes it can be completed at the next meeting and will then be sent to SW Planning for their review. Then there would need to be a public hearing to make the changes permanent. Gordon called the municipal association on clarification of the disqualification paragraph of the policy book, page 2 item 5. According to RSA 673:14 a member must notify the chair asap of their

disqualification so an alternate can be obtained. If there is uncertainty about a disqualification the board shall vote on the disqualification even though it is non-binding and the member can still choose to participate. The vote may be needed later if there is ever a question on the decision that was reached, and a question of the members possible bias.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM. Respectfully submitted.

Karen Castelli, Planning Board Clerk

Gordon Peery _____ Dave Bower _____

Ethan McBrien _____ John Wengler _____

Maury Collins _____