

PSNH PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

July 24, 2013

The hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm by Eric Sandberg, Planning Board Chairman

PB members present: Eric S., Mike Ledoux, David Upton, Donna Kidd and David Bower.

PSNH employee present: David Crane

Lucas Tree Service employee present: Vincent Rando

Public present: Barry & Karen Tolman, Wally Francis, Dennis Dellagrecia and Mike Tarr

Subject: The trimming and removal of trees on Nelson's two scenic roads: Tolman Pond Rd and Leadmine Rd.

David Crane the Arborist from PSNH spoke about the procedures, specifications and regulations that are outlined in the PSNH letter of May 15, 2013; which he and the Lucas Tree Service company will be operating. The specifications call for removal of brush and limbs less than four inches in diameter which are located within eight feet to the side of, ten feet below or fifteen feet above conductors. Larger trees or limbs which present a threat to PSNH 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. He also apologized to the board for an error that was made previously on Tolman Pond Rd.

Questions and concerns were then heard from the public. David Crane informed the audience about the following: any stone walls that are disturbed by the work crew will be set back to their original status; PSNH will seek to get permission from the land owner to take down individual trees before cutting; and a land owner may request from the crew while they are working on his property to leave the wood chips. He further noted that 35 to 40 percent of power outages in rural towns are caused by falling trees or branches, three times more on the scenic roads. Mr. Crane agreed to have the crew foreman walk the property with individual land owners before cutting trees, if requested. Barry Tolman and Wally Francis both requested that this be done. Mr. Crane thought work on scenic roads in Nelson would commence in August. He hoped all work would be complete by the end of September.

The Planning Board decided to convene on July 31st at 5:30 in the Town Office to vote on this matter.

The hearing was closed at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Lennon
Planning Board

Date signed: _____

Eric Sandberg, Chairman _____

Mike Ledoux _____

David Bower _____

Donna Kidd _____

David Upton _____