Minutes

Planning Board Meeting

May 1, 2014

Members of the Planning Board in attendance were Charles Moreno, Terry Hyland, Lynn Sweet and Donald Coker, The Planning Board met on-site for the continuation of the Public Hearing in Accordance with NH RSA 231: 158 and the Strafford Scenic Roads Ordinance at the intersection of Parker Mountain Road and Parsons Hill Road. The Chairman called the site review to order at 7:00 PM and announced the members present. The closing date for applications to appear on the agenda for the June 5, 2014 regular meeting is 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 20th, 2014. Board members were joined by Bea Hebert, the arborist for the northern division of PSNH and Joel Cook of Asplundh, as well as Bob Perry, Mike Roush and Mark Montross.

Board members reviewed the list of trees proposed for cutting and or extensive trimming along Parsons Hill Road, Willey Pond Road, and Evans Mountain Road, all designated Scenic Roads. Each tree on the list was reviewed. Board members recorded their findings. Several trees were removed from the list and several others were designated for trimming rather than cutting. Board members also looked at a birch on Parsons Hill Road that the homeowners had asked that the Board review. In addition, the Board and PSNH looked at several damaged or dying trees along the Class VI section of Evans Mountain Road that Eric Rowe has asked PSNH to cut. Board members and Ms. Hebert compared notes at the close of the site review, and Ms. Hebert agreed to work from a copy of the Chairman's annotated Tree Removal Chart listing. It was agreed that the birch on Parsons Hill Road should not be added to the list. The Chairman then formally reopened the public hearing. Ms. Hebert noted that PSNH/Asplundh will follow the findings agreed upon during the course of the Board's review. There were no additional comments. The Chairman then closed the public hearing. Donald Coker then made a motion to approve tree trimming and tree removals per the Chairman's list. Terry Hyland seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. It was agreed to scan and send a copy of the Chairman's list to Ms. Hebert following this meeting. The formal letter of approval for the trimming work will follow. Ms. Hebert and Mr. Cook noted that the any logs left from trimming/cutting are the property of the landowner, and that brush will be chipped.

Board members noted that there was no other formal or informal business before the Board this evening. Board members then agreed to postpone consideration of the minutes to the end of the meeting. There was still no news regarding the application of JANET CHASSE PREVATT AND TERRY PREVATT for 3-lot, revised to 2-lot, subdivision of their property located at 79 Ridge Farm Road (Tax Map 15, Lot 22). New notifications will be sent if new information is received from the applicant. There was also no new information on the application for design review for R. STEPHEN LEIGHTON, Mohawk Trail Way and Cross Road (Tax Map 15, Lot 15). Given the lack of business, Board members agreed to adjourn directly from the site review; a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.