

## Minutes

### Planning Board Meeting

December 3, 2015

Members of the Planning Board in attendance were Don Clifford, Terry Hyland, Steve Leighton, Lynn Sweet, and Donald Coker, Alternate member. Steve Leighton served as Acting Chair. Mr. Moreno is attending the NH Wildlife Action Plan presentation on behalf of the Board. The Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and introduced Board members. Noting that one of the regular members was missing, it was agreed that Donald Coker would vote. The closing date for applications to appear on the agenda for the January 2016 regular meeting is 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2015. The Acting Chairman advised that the Board has a policy setting time limits for meetings and that the Board will not consider any new business after 10:30 PM.

The first item on the agenda was the continuation of a public hearing in accordance with NH RSA 231: 158 and the Strafford Scenic Roads Ordinance regarding a request from Eversource Energy for permission to trim and/or remove trees and brush for routine maintenance along power distribution lines located along Jo Al Co Road and Northwood Road, designated Scenic Roads in the Town of Strafford. Notice was posted on October 21, 2015 and published in Foster's Daily Democrat on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Bob Berner, Arborist for Eversource, attended the meeting. He again apologized for the confusion last month, and noted that he had resubmitted the list of trees that Eversource would like to remove along these two roads. Two trees have been added, one on Jo Al Co Road and a large dead maple on Northwood Road, which Mr. Berner indicated is in rough shape. All of the trees are marked with tape. He advised the Board that with the Board's permission, he would go ahead and talk to the property owners. Don Clifford said that he had looked at the marked trees and everything was just as described. Board members agreed. Mr. Clifford then made a motion to write a letter granting permission to Eversource to remove the six trees indicated, with permission of the owners, and following the guidelines as presented. Lynn Sweet seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Berner was advised to expect a letter.

The second order of continuing business was the application of RICHARD A. BURROWS for the 4-lot subdivision of his property located at 1040 Second Crown Point Road (Tax Map 19, Lot 1). Ray Bisson of Stonewall Surveying presented the plans. Richard Burrows was present. Mr. Bisson submitted revised plans showing the items requested by the Board at the last meeting. He has added the 25 foot wetlands buffer around the wetlands areas on Lot 1-1 and Lot 1-2. He also moved the driveway a bit to get it out of the buffer area. Don Clifford asked about the square walled off area near the road, expressing concern that it might be a cemetery. Mr. Bisson said that there was no sign of a cemetery and no wall along the road. It was agreed that the cemetery book does not show a cemetery here, and that the stonework may have been some sort of agricultural building connected with the cellar hole across the road. Mr. Bisson advised the Board that the wetlands permit application for the driveway permit has been submitted and that the state subdivision approval is waiting on the wetlands application. He said that they are hoping for conditional approval this evening. They also need to complete monumentation once they receive conditional approval.

Steve Leighton then opened the public hearing on the application. There were no comments. The Acting Chair then closed the public hearing. Noting that the remaining items are administrative, Lynn Sweet then made a motion to accept and approve the plans as submitted for 4-lot subdivision, conditional upon the receipt of a wetlands permit for the driveway culvert, WSPCC state subdivision approval, and monumentation. Don Clifford seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Board members then turned to the minutes. Don Clifford then made a motion to accept the minutes for November work session as presented; Lynn Sweet seconded the motion and there was no further discussion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Lynn Sweet then made a motion to accept the minutes for the regular November meeting with the correction of a typographical error. Donald Coker seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, and the minutes were accepted by unanimous vote. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. There was no further discussion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.