

ANTRIM PLANNING BOARD

September 20, 2001 Meeting

Members present:

Tom Mangieri
Ed Rowehl
Mike Oldershaw
Dave Penny
Bill Prokop

Members absent:

Fred Anderson
Peter Beblowski
Bob Bethel
Spencer Garrett

Public attendees:

Donald Knapton, Sr.
Craig Proctor
Jen Cunningham
David Crane
Joe Koziell

Chairman Rowehl opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. He designated alternate member Mr. Oldershaw to sit for Mr. Bethel. Mr. Mangieri suggested that considering the recent World Trade Center tragedy, the meeting be opened with the pledge of allegiance which was done. Mr. Mangieri also suggested that a request be made of the Selectmen to provide an American flag for the meeting room. Mr. Penny will look into the matter. Mr. Mangieri also suggests that easels be available to facilitate presentations. Mr. Prokop moved that the minutes of the September 6, 2001 meeting be approved subject to verification of the proper name for the Maharishi School and correction of the role call vote for the Webber subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mangieri and passed. Correspondence was presented for the Municipal Law Lecture Series, A Local Housing Workshop, a PWSF public hearing at New Boston and an offer for an "Open Space in NH" manual. Mr. Oldershaw moved that the Board purchase the manual. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mangieri and passed. Mr. Rowehl introduced a booklet on NH Environment 2000 which will be placed on file by the Secretary.

Mr. Rowehl opened the public hearing at 7:15 PM on the request of Public Service Co. of New Hampshire to remove and trim trees and bushes along the following scenic roads; Bridle Road, Craig Road, Elm Avenue, Liberty Farm Road, Meeting House Hill Road, Old Brimstone Corner Road, Old Hancock Road, Pierce Lake Road, Smith Road and Turner Hill Road. Mr. Crane of PSNH stated that the work requested fell into three categories. 1. A customer on Pierce Lake Road requires service which entails the installation of taller poles and the removal of three trees. 2. A customer on Bridle road is installing a driveway. Taller poles and the removal of one Elm and one Beech tree are required to obtain the necessary clearance for logging trucks. 3. Ninety five percent of all lines in Antrim are to be trimmed during the calendar year 2002.

Mr. Oldershaw commented that when PSNH cleared lines on Elm Avenue earlier this year, their subcontractors did a poor job of removing cut trees and debris. He felt that PSNH should be responsible for cleaning up all the logs and brush. Mr. Prokop reminded Mr. Crane that he had said PSNH uses professional tree trimming crews and they would not leave a mess but the fact of the matter was that they did. Mr. Prokop asked if totally dead trees which did not touch the wires would be taken down. Mr. Crane indicated that such trees would be decided on a case to case basis and it would depend on the risk of their coming down. Mr. Vasques pointed out that short poles which were replaced with taller poles on Elm Ave. earlier in the year were still in the ground and sections of poles which had been cut were still laying alongside the road. Mr. Mangieri asked whether PSNH or their subcontractors decided which trees would come down. Mr. Crane indicated that the subcontractor makes the decision on trees up to 15" diameter

and PSNH gets involved for larger trees. Mr. Mangieri did not feel that PSNH should have cart blanche to remove trees without oversight by the town. Mr. Penny also voiced the same concern and suggested that the activity could be overseen by either the road agent or the building inspector. Mr. Mangieri and Mr. Crane engaged in discussion regarding the volume of trees that would normally be cut in a day and it was determined that the amount of time that might be required to oversee PSNH would not be excessive. Mr. Oldershaw stated that some contractors would cut anything anywhere they worked. Mr. Mangieri again reiterated his concern that there was not enough oversight of the subcontractors by PSNH. Mr. Penny felt that PSNH should keep the Selectman's office advised of tree cutting and trimming activity at all times. Mr. Oldershaw moved that that the Selectman be requested to designate personnel as required to oversee PSNH in the cutting of all trees on all town roads. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mangieri. Roll call vote: Tom Mangieri – aye, Mike Oldershaw – aye; Dave Penny – abstains; Bill Prokop – aye. Mr. Rowehl instructed the Secretary to formally request such oversight activity from the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Penny suggested that the requests made in PSNH's letter of 8/10/01 be considered in two separate motions. He moved to approve the request of PSNH to cut trees during the year 2001 on Pierce Lake Road, Bridle Road and Elm Avenue as documented in the PSNH letter dated 8/10/01. Mr. Prokop seconded the motion which was passed. Mr. Mangieri felt that there was no need to approve the requests for additional cutting and trimming at this time. Mr. Prokop moved that the public hearing be continued to the 11/1/01 planning board meeting at 7:15 PM. Mr. Penny seconded the motion which passed. Mr. Crane said he was available to meet with the Selectmen if they so desired. The Secretary was instructed to fax a copy of these minutes to Mr. Crane so that PSNH could commence on the work approved by the Board.

At 8:06 Mr. Rowehl convened the public hearing on the request by David A. Nault for a Minor Subdivision. The applicant proposes to subdivide property on 96 Keene Road, Tax Map 8C, Lot 62 in the Highway Business District into two (2) lots. Mr. Nault presented a subdivision plot plan prepared by a licensed surveyor. Mr. Rowehl reviewed the lot requirements for the Highway Business District. It was determined that the application met all requirements. Mr. Oldershaw made the following motion: "Move to accept the application of David A. Nault Planning Board File #2001-007 Tax Map #8C, Lot #62 located in the Highway Business District to subdivide said lot into two lots per drawing dated September 4, 2001. The motion was seconded by Mr. Penny. Roll call vote: Tom Mangieri – aye, Mike Oldershaw – aye; Dave Penny – aye; Bill Prokop – aye.

Mr. Prokop moved to approve the application of David A. Nault Planning Board File #2001-007 Tax Map #8C, Lot #62 located in the Highway Business District to subdivide said lot into two lots per drawing dated September 4, 2001. Roll call vote: Tom Mangieri – aye, Mike Oldershaw – aye; Dave Penny – aye; Bill Prokop – aye.

Mr. Knapton asked to speak again regarding the request by PSNH to conduct work on Pierce Lake Road. Following some discussion it was determined that there was other work which had to be done on Pierce Lake Road which was not covered in PSNH's letter of 8/10/01. Mr. Knapton was advised that PSNH would have to file another application for public hearings to conduct this additional work. He was told that if the application was received by the Secretary no later than 10/1/01 the public hearing could be held on October 18, 2001.

Mr. Mangieri moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Prokop seconded the motion which was passed. Mr. Rowehl adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Vasques, Secretary
Antrim Planning Board