

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD

August 27, 2013

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Art Rose, Chair, Jim Snyder, Vice-Chair, Joshua Gordon, Doug McCallum, Seth Cohn, Chris Blair, Alice Veenstra, and Tyson Miller, BOS Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER PARTIES PRESENT: Chris Moultroup from Unitol, and Alex Millett from Davey Tree;

Draft Minutes of August 13, 2013: Jim Snyder made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of August 13, 2013, seconded by Alice Veenstra. Tyson stated that at line 72 he thought he stated "does on the scenic roads, the selectmen on others". He wanted the language changed to reflect "others on town property". He could not recall if that is exactly what he said so rather than amend the minutes, Tyson will notify that Board that the minutes will not be amended, but he was referring to town property. A vote was taken to approve the draft minutes and the vote was unanimous.

Unitol Project: Review of Committee findings: Chris Moultroup (Chris M.) from Unitol and Alex from Davey Tree Service were in attendance. A subcommittee of three people was created to look at trees Unitol wishes to remove. Chris Blair was the leader and reported his findings. Alice, Chris and Tom Osmer from Conservation Commission and Alex from Davey walked Hackleboro and reviewed the list of proposed trees. 4 were objected by landowners and Davey has removed those trees from the list. The committee looked at about 20 or so trees and they had no objection to any of them, and in fact added 3 more. Alice and Chris have no objection to the tree cut list for Hackleboro Road, after the four that had been objected to by landowners. Art asked if there is any chance that the 4 trees taken off the list will be cut anyhow. Alex said on their end they changed the list to show those 4 as refusals and the ribbons were removed. Alice stated that one of them was the big maple on Andersons property and they did not want it removed, Alice and Chris agreed, but Alice thought Alex said they would be trimming it. Alex stated that they are not performing trimming services right

41 now, and that will be done next year. This year is only removal. Alice stated that her
42 impression is that Davey's approach was very conservative, and in Chris' opinion, a little
43 too conservative, and all trees were dead or leaning toward the lines, or had some level
44 of decay. They are all in a heavily wooded area and it will not change the character of
45 the road. As she looked back at the list of 70+/- trees, they only looked at a selection of
46 them. They only saw about 1/3 of the list. The list also goes on to West Road. Alex
47 stated he looked at those trees with Tyson. Tyson stated he and Tom Osmer looked at
48 those and they did not find any issues. West Road is conservation land and is under
49 the selectmen's prevue. Baptist is not a designated scenic road. Alex stated the list is
50 either town or scenic roads. Tyson updated the Board stating that Bob, Tyson, Joe
51 Davis from Bartlett Tree looked at the trees they were concerned about in the center
52 including Anderson's trees. They agreed that the one tree on the far end with the red
53 ribbon has major rot in it, could be gone and they ask that Alex has that tree ground
54 down to ground level and grind the stump. Alex said they don't normally do that, they
55 normally cut low to the ground, but will for this project. Tyson said they talked with Mr.
56 Anderson as far as the other trees. He asked Chris M. if they would be willing to let Joe
57 Davis give direction on where to trim rather than cut down those other trees, that would
58 work for the Board. Chris M. was happy to only trim them since Unitil didn't think they
59 would be allowed to do anything with there. Tyson asked Chris M. to coordinate with
60 Joe Davis for the trimming. Tyson asked if Unitil would consider paying for Mr. Davis'
61 time, but Chris M. stated they could not do that. Tyson asked if this pilot program gets
62 renewed. Chris M. said yes, it was renewed by the PUC this year since it was very
63 successful last year. It's a year by year basis. Tyson suggested that when the next
64 renewal comes up, rather than treating all roads equally, they may want to allow for
65 scenic roads and especially town centers since people place more importance on the
66 trees for tourist or commercial reasons. Chris M. agreed.

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68 Art stated there were members of the general public present and asked for comments.
69 Robert McCallen was present from the conservation commission. Jim pointed out that
70 in the past Unitil would provide a letter for the Board to sign reflecting what was cited.
71 Chris M. believed Lori had a standard letter that she could send to Chris. Jim asked if it
72 would reflect the changes reflected this evening. Chris M. will send another letter to
73 Lori. Art wanted to be sure Chris M. revamped his letter to make a comment about the
74 4 on Hackleboro, the Board could sign it. Tyson asked if there could be a separate
75 letter for the Board of Selectmen. Chris M. agreed.

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77 Jim made a motion that the Board directs the Chair to sign a letter from Unitil that
78 reflects the discussion in the minutes. Joshua seconded the motion. Vote was all in
79 favor, motion approved.

80 **Other Business:** None.

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82 Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alice. Motion was voted on and
83 approved.

84 Meeting adjourned.

85 Lori Venie, Secretary

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87 **Next meeting: To be determined**