

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OF APRIL 25, 2011
Scenic Road Request to Remove Trees on Reed Road and Collins Corner Road
Room #315, Town Office Building, 400 Slocum Road

Planning Board Members

Mr. John V. Sousa, Chairman
Mr. Joseph E. Toomey, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Mr. John P. Haran, Clerk
Mrs. Lorri-Ann Miller
Mr. Arthur C. Larrivee

Planning Staff

Mr. Donald A. Perry, Planning Director
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture, Planning Aide

The Chairman opened at 7:47 p.m. the public hearing¹ concerning a request by the Dartmouth Department of Public Works to remove trees on two scenic roads. On Reed Road, the request is to remove 53 Oak and Pine trees ranging in diameter from 2" – 14", located along the frontage of lots 1-2 and 1-14 of Assessor's Map 66. On Collins Corner Road, the request is to remove 15 Oak and Pine trees ranging in diameter from 4" to 24", located along the frontage of lot 5-4 of Assessor's Map 79.

All Planning Board members and Planning staff were present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Larrivee for discussion, and unanimously voted (5-0), to waive the reading of the legal notice, which appeared in The Chronicle on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, and again on Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

The Chairman asked proponents to speak.

Paul Pacheco, representing the Department of Public Works, provided a detailed overview of this request. He spoke about improving the drainage, the proposed removal of trees along Reed Road, the proposed removal of trees along Collins Corner Road, and an explanation of the various tree flagging.

The following Town residents were present and participated in a general discussion on this application:

Mark Lally, 3 Hanover Court
Manuel Victorina, 1176 Reed Road
Maurice Croteau, 1096 Reed Road

¹ For more information, see minutes of the Planning Board's regular meeting of April 25, 2011

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As a result of this discussion, Mr. Pacheco stated the Department of Public Works will work with the neighbors in providing replacement trees and screening. He also assured those present that no stonewalls will be removed, only repaired.

The Chairman asked if there were any final comments and/or questions from the Board members.

There were none.

The Chairman asked for the Planning Director's recommendation.

Mr. Perry felt the Planning Board had received adequate public comment on this request and recommended closing the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller, duly seconded by Mr. Larrivee, and unanimously voted (5-0) to close this evening's public hearing at 8:11 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture
Planning Aide