

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OF AUGUST 22, 2011
Scenic Road Request to remove 10 feet of stonewall on Rock O'Dundee Road
Room #315, Town Office Building, 400 Slocum Road

Planning Board Members

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

Planning Staff

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

The Chairman opened at 7:21 p.m. the public hearing¹ concerning a request by Chris Tracey to remove 10 feet of stonewall to allow better driveway access at 842 Rock O'Dundee Road, Assessor's Map 28, Lot 72.

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, August 3, 2011, and again on Wednesday, August 10, 2011.

The Chairman asked proponents to speak.

Chris Tracey, Avant Gardens, spoke on behalf of Deborah Scott and Ralph Martin. He provided a detailed overview of this request. Mr. Tracey presented a letter from Chief Timothy Andre, Fire District #2, which encouraged the Planning Board to consider this request to widen the driveway access to allow safe entry and exit of fire apparatuses and ambulance service to the residence. He also reported on his meeting with the Russells Mills Historical Commission who preferred the millstones be incorporated into the new opening.

Discussion ensued and Mr. Tracey responded to several questions from Board members.

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

There were none.

¹ For more information, see minutes of the Planning Board's regular meeting of August 22, 2011

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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 Mr. Sousa, duly seconded by Mrs. Miller, and unanimously voted (5-0) to close this evening's public hearing at 7:29 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture
Planning Aide