

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
Request to remove portion of stonewall & 4 trees 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 7:16 p.m. the public hearing¹ concerning a request by Michael & Sharon Seifert to remove 24 feet of stonewall and 4 trees on the south side of Rock O'Dundee Road just west of Smith Neck Road in order to create a driveway to a proposed house located on Assessor's Map 20, Lot 19-7.

All Planning Board members and Planning staff were present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Haran for discussion, and unanimously voted (5-0), to waive the reading of the legal notice, which appeared in The Chronicle on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, and again on Wednesday, September 14, 2011.

The Planning Director provided a detailed description of this request. Mr. Perry noted that after conducting a site inspection, he wondered if the driveway could be situated differently in order to avoid cutting any trees. Mr. and Mrs. Seifert were present for this hearing and responded that the proposed driveway location was the result of a driveway easement which runs with the land.

The Planning Board, applicants, and Planning Director discussed the condition of the existing stonewall, vehicle access/egress, and the proposed tree removals. It was determined that the proposed actions to remove 24 feet of stonewall and 4 trees would not detract from the scenic quality of Rock O'Dundee Road. The Planning Board asked that the stones removed from the opening be reused along the frontage of the property to add to the remaining stonewall or as driveway wall returns.

Prior to closing the public hearing, the Planning Director read the proposed conditions of approval on this request to ensure that the applicants and Planning Board understood the conditions.

¹ For more information, see minutes of the Planning Board's regular meeting of September 26, 2011

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

There were none.

The Chairman asked for the Planning Director's recommendation as to whether the public hearing should be closed.

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 7:27 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture
Planning Aide