Minutes for Planning Board Meeting of April 25, 2017

In attendance: David Litwinovich, Ed Carroll, Joe Constance Planning board members. Mark Fougere, Planning Board consultant.

Absent: Peter Hogan, Mark Suennen.

David Litwinowich called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM the first order of business being a Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 231:158 regarding a proposal by Eversource Energy to remove and trim trees and brush on Clark Hill, Colburn, Hooper Hill, Riverdale, Scobie and Thornton roads all of which are designated scenic roads.

Rick Sullivan, arborist, represented Eversource and stated that the proposal was part of a four year trimming cycle to cut largely smaller materials 8 feet to the side of each primary line. Dead and declining trees of great size would also be cut particularly ash, which are now under attack from a disease known as emerald ash bore. Mr. Sullivan explained that all residents affected had been contacted by mail and phone, a combined total of three times, and presented a list of which residents had responded. He noted the response rate has been good for this section.

J. Constance asked Mr. Sullivan if Eversource would try and contact any of the residents again and he responded in extreme circumstances where a tree or trees badly needed to be removed they would call by phone.

Linda McIntyre of 48 Thornton Road asked if three more trees on the edge of her property could be cut, noting she had already put tape around them. Mr. Sullivan noted that the contractor was paid a unit price for the job but would look into the matter. Ms. McIntyre also asked if the chipped material could be left at her house as she has a regular use for such material. Mr. Sullivan responded that he thought this would be possible and would have Asplundh Tree Service contact Ms. McIntyre directly.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the approximate start date for the work would be within 30 days.

Nicholas Hayden of 252 Clark Hill Road also inquired about additional trees on his property for removal and stated that he had not received a notice for the two

properties that he owns on Clark Hill Road. Mr. Sullivan said he would look into the matter on his behalf.

David Litwinovich asked Mr. Sullivan if it would be possible to adjourn the meeting for two weeks (May 9) so that, possibly, more residents might respond. Mr. Sullivan replied that this was acceptable. J. Constance made a motion to adjourn the hearing for two weeks and David Litwinovich seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing was adjourned at 6:45 PM

At 6:55 PM David Litwinovich called the second Public Hearing to order; that of Robert and Laura Todd Joint Revocable Trust; submission of application for a Minor subdivision of two lots at 336 Francestown Road & East Colburn Road Tax Map/Lot #4/16-1

Mr. Rick Kohler spoke to the application on behalf of Robert and Laura Todd. He stated the entire parcel was 6.22 acres and the proposed new parcel was 2.04 acres. There are no wetlands involved and the proposed line of division of the two parcels is on a line 50 feet north of the present barn. The new parcel includes a slightly sloping field and some woods. There is no plan for immediate development; though a house may be constructed there by the Todd's at some time in the future.

J. Constance asked the abutters present Michael and Debra Plessner of 543 Middle Branch Road if they had any questions and they replied no.

David Litwinovich then asked if a site walk could be scheduled as soon as possible. Mr. Kohler also asked if the site walk for the Todd's could be followed directly by a likely site walk for the proposed sub division by Ms. Donna Dicey of Rustic Lane nearby. Mr. Litwinovich replied affirmatively and asked that Mr. Kohler contact the Planning Board Coordinator to arrange a suitable time.

David Liwinovich then made a motion to adjourn the hearing for two weeks and Ed Carroll seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Fougere then reported on progress on the Master Plan Transportation Chapter for the Board. He said the chapter would be presented at the next meeting and would be very brief consisting of several graphs and charts regarding traffic patterns in New Boston. The next chapter to be worked on will be that pertaining to Public Facilities.

J. Constance then reported on the meeting of the southern New Hampshire Planning Commission which he attended in place of regular member Mark Suennen. He also submitted the printed material handed out at the meeting.

At 7:26 PM David Litwinovich called the Public Hearing for Ms. Donna Dicey regarding the submission of an application for a minor subdivision, 2 lots, on Rt. 136 and Rustic Lane Tax Map/Lot #4/10

Rick Kohler of Todd Land Surveying represented Ms. Dicey.

Mr. Kohler explained that the subdivision was of a 29 acre parcel to be divided into two 14.5 acre lots. Ms. Dicey intends to give the new lot to her son so that he may build a house with driveway off Rustic Lane for his family.

J. Constance asked several questions regarding the filling of certain areas where the home is to be built all of them concerning drainage issues.

Mark Welch of 35 Rustic Lane asked if this plan had changed from what he believed to be an original plan first seen in the Planning office. Mr. Kohler replied no, that this was the first development plan with specific details articulated. The first articulation seen by Mr. Welch had been only the sub-division plan.

David Litwinovich stated that a site walk would be necessary and it could be combined with the site walk for the Todd property. Mr. Kohler stated that he would contact the Planning board coordinator to arrange a visit for both sites.

J. Constance made a motion to adjourn the hearing for two weeks and David Litwinovich seconded. The motion passed unanimously

The Public Hearing and the Planning Board meeting were adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

J. Constance

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