

**Norwell Planning Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 P.M. Present were Board Members Karen A. Joseph, Kevin P. Jones, Charles Markham, Michael J. Tobin, Sally I. Turner and Town Planner Todd Thomas.

DISCUSSION: Draft Agenda

Member Tobin moved that the Board accept the amended agenda as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

DISCUSSION: November 12, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Tobin moved to accept the November 12, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

DISCUSSION: Bills

Todd Thomas – November expenses	\$ 68.96
Monadnock Spring Water – Inv. #535513	\$ 43.20
W.B. Mason – Inv. #705296-000	\$ 48.94
<u>Chessia Consulting (Edgewood Park – Inv. #486)</u>	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
TOTAL =	\$216.10

Member Markham moved that the bills be paid and that the payment vouchers be signed. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

DISCUSSION: Engineering Peer review RFR

The Planning Board discussed the latest draft of the RFR for consultant engineer peer review. Member Markham noted that, under the RFR, Jim Boudreau is the Purchasing Agent reporting to the Planning Board, and that the Board of Selectmen have no role in the consultant selection. Member Turner and Tobin requested specific changes to the bylaw. The Board agreed that the revised bylaw was sufficient and instructed the Town Planner to contemplate an RFR for OSRD Special Permit Peer Review.

DISCUSSION: 12 Bobstay Lane ANR

Upon a motion made by Member Tobin, the ANR plan for 12 Bobstay Lane was accepted as received by the Planning Board by a vote of 5-0. The Town Planner informed the Board that he would have a draft Certificate of Vote prepared for the plan at the December 17th meeting.

DISCUSSION: 24 Parker Street ANR

Upon a motion made by Member Tobin, the ANR plan for 24 Parker Street was accepted as received by the Planning Board by a vote of 5-0. The Town Planner informed the Board that he would have a draft Certificate of Vote prepared for the plan at the December 17th meeting.

DISCUSSION: Suburban Mobility Update

The Town Planner updated the Board on the progress of the South Shore Coalition's Suburban Mobility Application. The Town Planner was instructed to send a copy of the final Letter of Intent to the Selectmen and Jim Boudreau, notifying them of the potential partial redirection of the Town's MBTA Assessment. Member Jones suggested adding a stop at the South Weymouth Commuter Rail Station in conjunction with the nearby stop at South Shore Hospital. The Town Planner said that he would pass this suggestion along to the committee.

DISCUSSION: FY10 Planning Board Budget

The Town Planner presented the Board with a draft budget for FY10. The Board discussed the budget and found it acceptable. The Town Planner was asked to find out the identity of the Board's Advisory Board Representative.

PUBLIC HEARING: Scenic Road (various) Tree Removal by National Grid

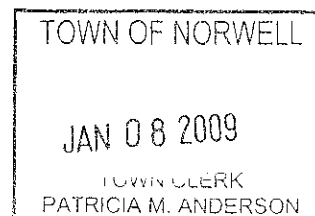
With the Tree Warden, residents Mary Beth & John Kuhn, and George Payfow, Patrick Smith, Michael Meyerdiecks and Chris Moultroup of Nationalgrid present, the Clerk read the notice and opened the scenic road public hearing for the proposed tree removal along Summer Street, Old Oaken Bucket Road, Central Street, and River Street. At the close of the hearing, it was moved and unanimously voted to approve the proposed trimming and removal of trees, provided that the lead of the Silver Maple on the Town Common that overhangs West Street be trimmed, and the tree should, if possible, not be removed. It was decided that trimming or ultimately removing this tree must be done with Norwell's Tree Warden present with prior notice of the work given to Norwell's Town Planner. The representatives from Nationalgrid said that they would work to replace the removed trees on Summer Street, Old Oaken Bucket Road and Central Street via DCR's Hazard Tree Mitigation Grant Program.

DISCUSSION: Planning Board Schedule, Jan 14th Meeting to Jan 7th

The Board decided to move the scheduled January 14, 2008 meeting to January 7, 2008. The Town Planner agreed to change the posted schedule with the Town Clerk.

DISCUSSION: Possible Suppression of Overhead Wires in the Town Center

The Town Planner introduced the Board to legislation that empowered municipalities to compel utility companies to bury overhead wires. This legislation, MGL Chap. 166, §22B, was accompanied by MGL Chap. 166, §22D, which provides for a financing mechanism for this work. Member Markham said that he thought it might be worth "testing the water" to find out if Town Meeting would support an article that appointed a committee to study the possible suppression of the overhead wires in the Town Center. Member Joseph said that she thought the current economic climate was a bad time to talk about adding surcharges to electric bills. Member Jones agreed, but said that the issue should be explored if only so the Town would not miss the opportunity to bury the wires when Main St is repaved through the Town Center. Member Tobin and Member Turner thought Member Markham's proposal had merit and asked the Town Planner to reach out to other Boards and committees to elicit initial feedback. The Town Planner agreed to report all feedback received at the December 17th Planning Board meeting.



DISCUSSION: Laurelwood Modification Decision

The Planning Board reviewed the draft Certificate of Vote for the Laurelwood Subdivision Modification. The Board made certain revisions and votes thereon. The Town Planner was instructed to revise the draft Certificate of Vote for the December 17th Planning Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 P.M. Member Turner moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

I certify that the above minutes were reviewed and approved by majority vote by the Planning Board on January 7, 2009.


Charles Markham, Alternate Clerk

