

STURBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

On a roll call made by Ms. Morrison, Clerk, the following members were present:

**Present:** Tom Creamer, Chair  
Russell Chamberland  
James Cunniff  
Penny Dumas  
Jennifer Morrison, Clerk  
Sandra Gibson-Quigley  
Bruce Smith

**Also Present:** Jean Bubon, Town Planner  
Diane Trapasso, Administrative Assistant

The Chairman called the regular meeting of the Planning Board to order at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Creamer read a prepared statement stating that it is an honor and privilege being part of a Board that video broadcasts its meetings to the public.

Mr. Creamer read the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Morrison to approve the minutes of August 28, 2007  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mr. Cunniff  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** 7 – 0

**SANR PLAN – HOWARD ZWICK TRUSTEE – 263 & 277 NEW BOSTON ROAD**

Ms. Thomas of Waterman Design Associates spoke on behalf of the applicant. The plan shows the division of a tract of land into two lots that have sufficient frontage on New Boston Road. Lot 1 has 160' of frontage and 17.79 acres, Lot 2 has 615.75' of frontage and 10.61 acres.

**Motion:** Made by Mr. Smith to endorse the plan.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mr. Chamberland  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** 7 – 0

Ms. Morrison, Clerk, signed the plan.

**SANR PLAN – CLIFFORD CURBOY & DANIEL E. & MARY BETH PARENT – CAMP ROAD**

Mr. Jalbert of Jalbert Engineering spoke on behalf of the applicant. The purpose of the plan is to convey properties between Clifford Curboy and Daniel E. and Mary Beth Parent. Parcels A and B are not to be considered building lots and are to be conveyed as noted. Neither 24B Camp Road or 704 Main Street are left non-conforming with regards to frontage and area.

**Motion:** Made by Mr. Chamberland to endorse the plan.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mr. Cunniff  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** 7 – 0

Ms. Morrison, Clerk, signed the plan.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF STURBRIDGE DPW FOR TREE REMOVAL ON MCGILPIN ROAD(A SCENIC ROAD) IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORK**

The Board agreed to paraphrase the legal notice.

Ms. Morrison read the legal notice but did not list all 48 trees.

Mr. Morse, DPW Director, stated that this work is a continuation of Phase 1 road work. The work is to widen the road and fix the erosion and drainage problems. The majority of the trees to come down are hazardous trees.

Mr. T. Chamberland, Tree Warden, stated both he and Mr. Morse walked the road and determined which trees need to come down. Mr. T. Chamberland also stated that it is a hard decision to make when marking the trees, balancing keeping a tree with the liability of the Town. Most of the trees to come down are hazardous and need to come down regardless of the proposed road work.

Mr. Kumar of 107 McGilpin Rd. volunteered to shift the road towards his side, in order to save the bigger trees on the other side.

The following residents of McGilpin Road had concerns with trees #3 & #25:

Ms. Pecci – 138  
Ms. DeRose – 117  
Ms. S. Goodwin – 56  
Mr. Cocalis – 110  
Mr. T. Goodwin – 58

They feel the Town is not doing enough to save the trees and would like more resources to save the trees. The residents are willing to pay, out of their own pockets to hire a certified arborist for a second opinion and the rental of a resistograph to see if those trees can be saved.

Board members agreed with Mr. T. Chamberland's decisions. The Board also noted that it works hard to properly plant and maintain trees in Town with regard to new subdivisions and commercial development. Mr. Cunniff stated that he took offense to the statement

made by Mr. Cocalis that the Town engages in the wholesale decimation of trees. The Board and Mr. T Chamberland stated that the residents can appeal the decision to the BOS within 10 days of filing.

**Motion:** Made by Mr. T Chamberland to close the Public Hearing.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Ms. Morrison  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** 7 – 0; 1 - 0

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Dumas to approve the Town of Sturbridge DPW for tree removal on McGilpin Road in conjunction with road reconstruction work with the exception of tress #3 and #25.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** None

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Quigley to approve the Town of Sturbridge DPW for tree removal on McGilpin Road in conjunction with road reconstruction work.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Ms. Morrison  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** 6 – 1 (Dumas); 1 - 0

**EXPRESS INN AT STURBRIDGE – REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION ON A  
WAIVER OF SITE PLAN FOR POOL INSTALLATION UNTIL AUGUST –  
SEPTEMBER 2008**

The applicant had left after waiting for over an hour and a half beyond their scheduled time.

Ms. Bubon, Town Planner, stated that the Express Inn was unable to have the pool installed this season due to construction issues. They have requested an extension until August – September 2008.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Morrison to grant an extension to December 6, 2008.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mr. Chamberland  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** 7 – 0

**TOWN PLANNER UPADTE**

Ms. Bubon stated that she would like the Board to vote on changing how the applicants mail notification to abutters. All notices are now sent certified mail, which is very expensive. Legally the Board just needs verification that the notices were mailed. Ms. Bubon would like to change the mailing from certified to certificate of mailing in which the stamped tear-off portion is returned to the Board. The Board agreed.

**Motion:** Made by Mr. Chamberland to change certified mail to certificate of mailing.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Ms. Morrison  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** 7 - 0

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

October 16

October 30

On a motion made by Ms. Morrison and seconded by Mr. Cunniff, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.