

MILFORD PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES ~ APPROVED
October 15, 2019 Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, 6:30 PM

Members Present:

Tim Finan, Vice Chairman
Janet Langdell, Member
Paul Amato, Member
Jacob LaFontaine, Member
Susan Robinson, Member

Staff:

Darlene Bouffard, Recording Secretary
No Videographer was present

EXCUSED:

Doug Knott, Chairman
Laura Dudziak, Selectmen's Rep.
Pete Basiliere, Alternate Member
Kellie Shamel, Planner

1. Call to order:

In the absence of Chairman Knott, Vice Chairman Finan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made of Board members. It was noted that there was no video taken of tonight's meeting.

2. Public Hearing:

- a. Scenic Road Public Hearing** – In accordance with NH RSA 231:158, the Milford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing for Eversource for tree trimming and removal, as part of routine maintenance, on the following scenic road: Mason Road.

T. Finan indicated the Planning Board must hold a scenic Road hearing for Mason Road for tree trimming. The Eversource representative, Rick Sullivan, was invited to speak with the Board. R. Sullivan is seeking approval from the Town for trimming of trees on part of Mason Road between Osgood and Burns Roads. Next year Eversource will have a lot more work, but this year is only this small stretch of Mason Road. P. Amato asked what work was done last week? R. Sullivan said that was not supposed to be done yet. This request is for trimming. P. Amato said there are a couple of trees that are too close to the wires as well. R. Sullivan responded the tree Eversource would like to remove (White Pine) actually has a burn mark on it and an area of decay. Those trees are very big. T. Finan asked what side of Mason Road the trees are on. R. Sullivan said mostly on the southern side of the road. Across from #117 Mason Road. Eversource is on a 4-year cycle, so last time this was done was 2015. A majority of the trimming was put off until next year based on resources.

J. Langdell stated if any stone walls get disturbed, they need to be fixed and repositioned. There were no further comments from the Planning Board. T. Finan opened the public hearing. Judy Hohenadel, Mason Road, said because it is a scenic road, if a tree is dead, could it be taken down? R. Sullivan responded he is unsure what tree she is speaking of; there are trees within the right of way and there are trees outside of the right of way, but even dead trees would require town approval. J. Langdell stated if a tree is on private property, it can be removed. P. Amato said if a dead tree is on private property it can be taken, but the town usually waits until the tree is very dead. J. Hohenadel said the (dead) trees are on property that she believes Paul Amato owns. Seeing no further comments, T. Finan closed the public hearing.

J. Langdell moved to approve the request from Eversource for tree maintenance on Mason Road, a scenic road. J. Lafontaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- b. Leighton A. White, Inc. (applicant) and Spring Creek Sand & Gravel, LLC (owner)** – Review for acceptance and consideration of final approval for a major site plan for the expansion of an existing sand and gravel operation (Spring Creek) along with associated site improvements. The parcel is located at 0 Mile Slip Road in the Residence R District. Tax Map 50, Lot 4-4.

T. Finan explained that the Town Planner received a request for continuance from the applicant due to the lack of a full Board at tonight's meeting. The applicant has requested a deferral of the application to the November 5, 2019 meeting. J. Langdell stated we need to be sure there is someone in attendance to video that meeting. D. Bouffard noted this. J. Langdell moved to table this application to the November 5, 2019 Work Session which will be recorded. J. LaFontaine seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

J. Langdell requested one change to the minutes. J. Langdell moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019 as amended. S. Robinson seconded. J. Langdell, P. Amato, J. LaFontaine and T. Finan were in favor with S. Robinson abstaining. Motion passed 4/0/1.

Signature of the Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

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