

NOTTINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

April 26, 2017

Approved: June 14, 2017

Members Present: Dirk Grotenhuis Chairman; Ed Viel, Vice-Chairman; Charlene Andersen, BOS Rep; Susan Mooney, Secretary; Teresa Bascom; Joseph Clough; Robert “Buzz” Davies, Alternate; Gary Anderson

Others Present: Paul Colby, Code Administrator; JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk; Scott Carlson, Applicant/NHEC Utility Arborist

Call to Order at: 7:01pm

Mr. Davies was seated for Mr. Anderson

Public Hearing

Public Hearing Opened: 7:02pm

Mr. Anderson arrived 7:02pm

- NH Electric Coop (NHEC) Utility Arborist-Tree Cutting/Scenic Roads

Mr. Carlson, NHEC Utility Arborist, spoke to the Board about the work to be done. He explained that Seacoast Tree Care will be working on Mitchell and Kennard Rd. and Asplundh Tree Services will do the work on Priest Road. Mr. Carlson gave a background on the reasons for the trees to be cut or trimmed.

The Board had a few questions:

- Will abutters be notified?
- Will the abutters get the wood?
- Are the trees flagged?

Mr. Carlson responded to the questions:

He stated that as a courtesy to the abutters, if they have personal information on the contract, they will inform them of the trim work being done. Most of the trees are within the Town’s Rights of Way. The wood will be left for the people whose property the tree is on. The trees to be cut are flagged with red and black checkered flagging.

Mr. Carlson added a comment that he has noticed the possible reason for the tree decline is due to the filling of the roads. He explained that he is not certain if this is indeed the reason but that it is common in other areas too.

Public Discussion Opened: 7:18pm

No public present

Public Discussion Closed: 7:18pm

Motion Made By: Ms. Andersen to approve the case as presented

Seconded by: Mrs. Bascom

Vote: 7-0-0 **Motion Passed**

Public Hearing Closed: 7:19pm

Public Comment

No public present

Board of Selectmen and Staff/ Board Members Update

Mrs. Bascom informed the Board that at a recent Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meeting the ZBA requested the transportation section of the Master Plan be reviewed.

Board of Selectman Update by Ms. Andersen:

- Two new Police Officers have started working
- A demolition bid is out for the condemned building on the Route 4 property
- Road work on Lakeview Drive is almost done

For the Nottingham Planning Board
JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk

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Nottingham Conservation Commission Update by Mrs. Mooney: Commission members have picked up trash along the road and will again- way too much trash on the roadside. This led to a discussion on the need for a community cleanup plan. Currently there isn't an incentive to clean up the road. The Board agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission Update by Mr. Anderson: The ten (10) year Transportation Plan will be narrow down to reasonable budgetary constraints. The Route 152/ Route 4 intersection will be on the submitted list. There was also a discussion on the need for transportation for the elderly. Bus/shuttle lines may need to be considered in the future.

Office Update by Mr. Colby:

~ Bruce Mayberry will be presenting Impact Fee Update material on May 24, 2017

~ Update on the Eversource tree trimming/cutting:

April 12, 2017 Notice of Decision from the Nottingham Planning Board:

- *Eversource- Tree Cutting on Scenic Roads- Poor Farm Road and Ledge Farm Road*

▪ Condition:

- 1. Any tree infected with any invasive insects are removed and properly disposed of off-site to prevent any potential Emerald Ash Borer spread.*

Eversource responded to the condition- they do not have a place to dispose of the infected trees. They will leave those trees in log length to discourage the removal of the logs by others.

~ Suggested canceling the May 10, 2017 meeting as there aren't any cases to be heard- maybe have the Road Subcommittee meet

~ The Board agreed- Road Subcommittee- Mrs. Bascom, Mrs. Mooney, Mr. Clough and Mr. Grotenhuis will meet- Mrs. Bascom will reach out to Mr. Russo, ZBA Chairman, who is also interested in being on the committee.

Minutes

-April 12, 2017

Motion Made By: Mrs. Bascom to approve the minutes of April 12, 2017 as edited

Seconded by: Mrs. Mooney

Vote: 7-0-0 **Motion Passed**

Adjournment

Motion Made by: Mrs. Mooney

Seconded by: Ms. Andersen

Vote: 7-0-0 **Motion Passed**

Adjourned at: 7:37 pm