

1 **PLANNING BOARD**

2 Minutes of January 8, 2014

3 **ATTENDEES:** Arnold Rosenblatt – Chairman, Sally Wilkins – Vice Chairman (late arrival), Gordon Leedy,
4 Richard Hart – Conservation Commission, Michael Dell Orfano, Cliff Harris, Marilyn Peterman –
5 Alternate (late arrival), Allen Merrimen – Alternate, John D’Angelo – Ex Officio, Sarah Marchant –
6 Planning Director

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8 **ABSENT:** Eric Hahn – Alternate
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10 Arnie opened the meeting at 7:30. Gordon moved to open the Public Hearing. Rich seconded the
11 motion. All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.
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13 **SCENIC ROAD HEARING:**

14 **Scenic Road Hearing – in ROW near #7 and #9 Eaton Rd – Department of Public Works:** Sarah
15 reviewed the two applications submitted by the Department of Public Works to remove a total of nine
16 trees on near #7 and #9 Eaton Rd. The Board reviewed the application and images as submitted by
17 DPW. Arnie asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to comment.
18 Tom Ventura, 9 Eaton Rd: Would like to know if the trees to be removed will be removed to be flush
19 with the road or left with large stumps?
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21 Sarah responded that the intent was to make the stumps flush with the ground/roadway.
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23 Arnie asked the Board if there were any further questions. There being none. Gordon moved to close
24 the public hearing, Rich seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.
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26 Gordon moved to approve the application. Mike seconded for discussion to add the condition that all
27 stumps be ground flush with the ground/roadway. All in favor, none opposed. The application was
28 approved with the condition that all tree stumps are to be ground flush with the ground/roadway after
29 removal.
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32 **DISCUSSION:**

33 **Pennichuck Brook Watershed Discussion:**

34 Don Ware, Pennichuck Water Works and Rebecca Balke, Comprehensive Environmental Inc.
35 introduced themselves to the Board. Rebecca presented a power point presentation on Pennichuck’s
36 efforts to improve the water quality of the Watershed and help communities to manage stormwater.
37 See attached copy of the power point presentation.
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39 Mike requested Rebecca give a quick overview of the MS4 permit. Rebecca discussed the EPA issued
40 permit and 6 minimum control measures. The Board discussed the permit and its requirements.
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42 Pennichuck’s focus for improving and maintaining water quality in the watershed is to reduce
43 phosphorus, which also aligns with the MS4 permit requirements for municipalities.
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Mike asked Don what supply of Pennichuck's water comes from Amherst. Don stated Pennichuck has not used any Amherst water in the past year as due to lowered overall demand and an increase in naturally occurring iron and manganese near the well. Marilyn asked if Pennichuck would share its long-term usage data. Don will email the data to Sarah for distribution to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Regional Impact

Sarah noted the board had received one new application for February which was not complete at the time of the deadline, so there is no new business.

Minutes of the 9/21/13, 10/30/13, 12/4/13, and 12/12/13 Planning Board meetings.

As printed copies of the minutes were not available the Board tabled the review of minutes to the 1/15/14 worksession.

Nominations for Workforce Housing Subcommittee

Arnie asked the Board if anyone would be interested in serving on the Workforce Housing subcommittee. Mike, Sally and Marilyn volunteered. Arnie asked the subcommittee to return to the March worksession with a progress report on the subcommittee's work.

Ballot Text Review (tabled from 1/7/13 worksession)

Sarah asked the Board to review each of the draft Zoning Ballot items and explained the format reflects the state RSA as to format. The Board reviewed Amendments 1 and 2 with no comments. Sally stated the vote was recorded wrong for Amendment 3, it should have been 5 to 1. This is also a mistake in the December minutes. The Board discussed and remembered Sally voting in opposition with the rest of the Board voting in favor the amendment was strongly recommended by Town Council. The Board agreed Amendment 3 should be recorded as the Planning Board supports the amendment by a vote of 5 to 1.

The Board had no changes on Amendment 4 or 5. John suggested the vote for Amendment 6 should be by a vote of 5 to 1 instead of 6 to 1, as he was absent and Tom Grella was not here to fill the Selectmen's Representative position on the Board. The Board agreed the vote was 5 to 1.

The Board asked that all of the Amendments have a space inserted between the first sentence which follows the RSA format and the actual text of the ballot question. Sarah stated she would ask Administration to include this space.

Arnie asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

Gordon made the motion with Rich seconding; all were in favor and none were opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.