

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
PLANNING BOARD
May 18, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chris Sawyer, Chairman, Jack Parsons, Vice-Chairman, Bill Marcussen, Selectmen's Representative, Matt Young, Steve Brinser, Members.

Members Absent: John Cameron, John Lapolla, Fenton Varney, Tony Triolo, Members, Ed Meier, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Sawyer opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
May 4, 2017**

It was moved by Steve Brinser and seconded by Bill Marcussen to approve the May 4, 2017 Tuftonboro Planning Board minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**II. Public Hearing
NH Electric Co-op
Scenic Road Tree Trimming, Tree & Brush Removal**

Chris Sawyer stated NH Electric Co-op intends to trim and remove trees and brush adjacent to and beneath its distribution lines, pursuant to RSA 231:158, on the following scenic roads; Dame Road (9 maples), Sodom Road (1 oak), Butternut Lane (1 pine), Oak Leaf Lane and Birch Lane. She stated brush and limbs less than 8 inches which are located within fifteen feet to either side, or twenty feet above the conductors or the existing Right-of-Way will be removed and performed in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards. She stated Asplundh Tree Company will be performing the work.

Chairman Sawyer opened the public hearing.

There being no public present, Chairman Sawyer closed the public hearing.

The Board noted no objection to the proposal.

III. Discussion Items

a. Merrimack Valley Development; Extension Request – Shaw View Subdivision

Chris Sawyer stated Buddy Thomas, President, Merrimack Valley Development, requested an extension of the conditional approval/road extension for Shaw View Subdivision; noting the conditional approval expires on June 19, 2017. She stated Mr. Thomas' letter noted that due to the current economy and a sensitive personal matter regarding one of his children, he has been unable to proceed with the project. She stated Mr. Thomas, in a subsequent email from his agent, Nina Lupoli, requested consideration of an extension to April 2, 2019; noting such would coincide with the expiration of the Alteration of Terrain permit.

The Board discussed the request for extension and agreed to extend the conditional approval for one year.

It was moved by Matt Young and seconded by Bill Marcussen to grant a one-year extension of the conditional approval for Merrimack Valley Development Shaw View Subdivision; expiration date of June 19, 2018. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

b. Letter to Excavation Operators

The Board reviewed a draft letter to be sent to those individuals that filed an Intent to Excavate two years prior to March 14, 2017; noting the letter would include a Site Plan Review application and a copy of the revised Zoning Ordinance, specifically Section XI. Local Regulation of Excavation.

The Board agreed to the following revisions;

- Add language that an applicant could schedule a nonbinding preliminary consultation with the Planning Board
- Include deadline for submittal of a Site Plan Review application (March 14, 2019)

c. Land Use Master Plan Chapter

Chris Sawyer, Bill Marcussen and Jack Parsons submitted revised information to Staff to incorporate in the Land Use Chapter update.

IV. Informational Items

None.

V. Public Comment

None.

**VI. Other Business
Master Plan Update**

The Board discussed setting a deadline for other committees (Agricultural Commission and Library) to submit updates and agreed to request the information be submitted to the Planning Board for June 10, 2017. Staff reported that the Conservation Commission would be finalizing their draft of the Natural Resources Chapter in June.

It was moved by Steve Brinser and seconded by Matt Young to adjourn the May 4, 2017 Tuftonboro Planning Board meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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